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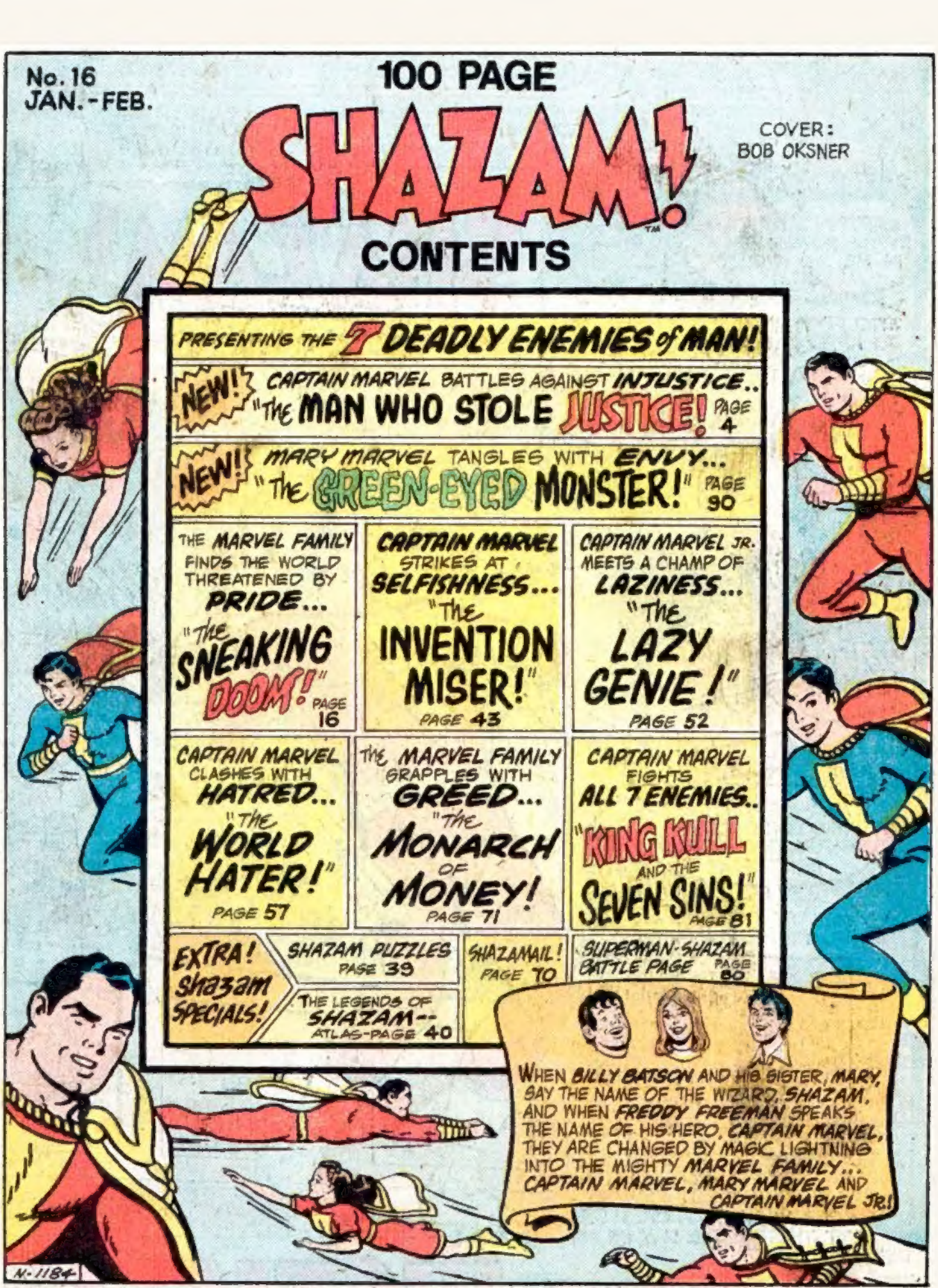
WHEN BILLY BATSON AND HIS SISTER, MARY, SAY THE NAME OF THE WIZARD, SHAZAM, AND WHEN FREDDY FREEMAN SPEAKS THE NAME OF HIS HERO, CAPTAIN MARVEL, THEY ARE CHANGED BY MAGIC LIGHTNING INTO THE MIGHTY MARVEL FAMILY... CAPTAIN MARVEL, MARY MARVEL AND CAPTAIN MARVEL JR.!
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YOU ALL KNOW ME-- I'M INJUSTICE, ONE OF THE SEVEN DEADLY ENEMIES OF MAN!
MY SIX BROTHER-DEMONS AND I WILL BE INTRODUCING YOU TO THE STORIES IN THIS ISSUE...BECAUSE THEY'RE ABOUT US!
THIS FIRST NEW STORY TELLS HOW I HAUNTED A MAN SWORN TO UPHOLD JUSTICE! I'D HAVE WON TOO--IF NOT FOR THAT RED-SUITED CHARACTER WHO SAYS THE MAGIC WORD--
SHAZAM!
CAPTAIN MARVEL-- BY THE POWER VESTED IN ME, I SENTENCE YOU...
...TO FIFTY YEARS AT HARD LABOR!
BANG!
M-M-ME?! BUT THIS COURTROOM IS FULL OF TERRIBLE CRIMINALS!
WHAT DID I DO WRONG?
DISHONEST PEOPLE HAVE STOLEN MANY THINGS FROM DECENT, LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS... BUT FEW HAVE GONE AS FAR AS PROFESSOR GILBERT THORNE THE DAY HE BECAME...
"The MAN WHO STOLE JUSTICE!"
STORY: ELLIOT S! MAGGIN
ART: KURT SCHAFFENBERGER
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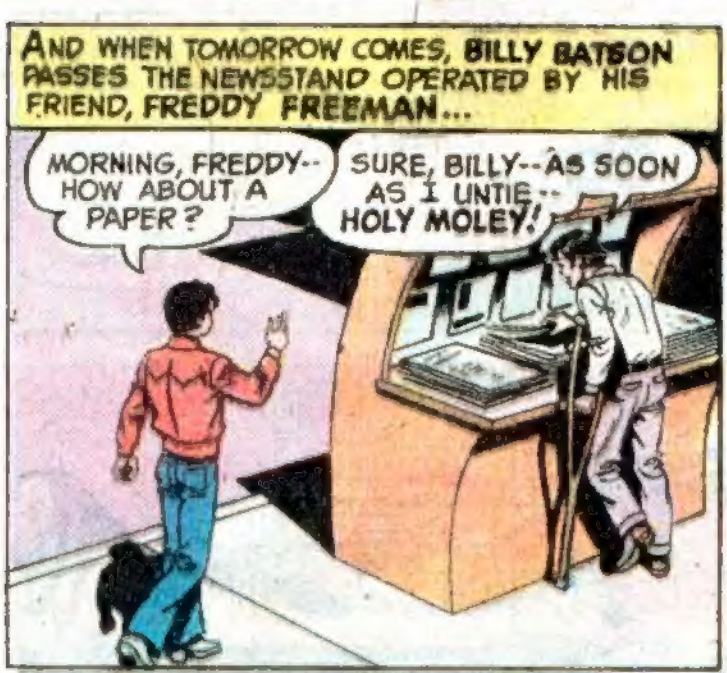
IT'S NIGHTTIME OUTSIDE THE CITY COURT BUILDING... AND AS TWO SINISTER-LOOKING HELICOPTERS APPROACH OUTSIDE...
DING
...INSIDE, A RESPECTED JUDGE NAMED MATTHEW PLEASANT CONDUCTS NIGHT COURT...
FOR LEADING THESE BOYS INTO THE WAYS OF CRIME, ELIAS SKINNER, I SENTENCE YOU TO 20 YEARS!
AS FOR YOU YOUNGSTERS--
PLEASE DON'T SEND US TO REFORM SCHOOL, YOUR HONOR--PLEASE!
OF COURSE, REFORM SCHOOL IS NO FIT PLACE FOR YOU!
I AM ORDERING THE CITY TO FIND DECENT HOMES AND FOSTER PARENTS FOR YOU, SO YOU WILL GROW UP AS GOOD CITIZENS!
BUT AS THE JUDGE IS DISPENSING JUSTICE...
...ANOTHER MAN IS OUTSIDE, DISPENSING WITH JUSTICE...
IT'S TIED SECURELY! NOW, UP, UP... AND AWAY!
THAT'S IT... LOWER THE OTHER STATUE IN ITS PLACE--
--AND TAKE THAT STATUE OF JUSTICE TO THE HIDEAWAY!
HERE'S WHERE I GET EVEN WITH JUDGE PLEASANT FOR SENDING ME TO JAIL FOR 25 YEARS...
...BY REPLACING HIS BELOVED JUSTICE WITH THIS STATUE...
...OF THE DEMON OF INJUSTICE!
INJUSTICE
2

THE MOMENT PROFESSOR GILBERT THORNE PULLS THE SHEET OFF HIS STATUE, SOMETHING ODD HAPPENS IN THE COURTROOM...
HENRY HAMSTRING, FOR HIRING BURGLARS TO LOOT MRS. WAVISHAM'S APARTMENT--
--AND TRYING TO EVICT HER WHEN SHE COULDN'T PAY HER RENT THE NEXT DAY...
...I SENTENCE YOU TO...TO, ER--UHH...
THE STRANGEST SENSATION JUST CAME OVER ME... NOW, WHAT WAS MY JUDGMENT IN THIS CASE...?
AH, YES-- I REMEMBER--!
I ORDER YOU TO GO FREE, MR. HAMSTRING--AND YOU--MRS. WAVISHAM--I SENTENCE TO SERVE A YEAR AND A DAY IN JAIL!
YOU SHOULD HAVE WAITED UNTIL AFTER YOUR RENT WAS PAID BEFORE ALLOWING YOUR APARTMENT TO BE ROBBED, OLD LADY!
KLUNK
NEXT CASE!
HAS KINDLY OLD JUDGE PLEASANT CRACKED HIS CORKER?
IT WAS THE LANDLORD WHO WAS GUILTY-- THE OLD LADY DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG!
I'LL PHONE THIS IN TO MY NEWSPAPER--
OOF--
EXCUSE ME, SIR!
QUITE ALL RIGHT-- I WAS JUST GOING IN TO WATCH THE COURT PROCEEDINGS!
IT'S SOME SHOW! THE JUDGE HAS FLIPPED HIS GAVEL!
HAS HE NOW? THEN MY STATUE OF INJUSTICE IS WORKING JUST FINE!
BY TOMORROW, JUDGE MATTHEW PLEASANT WILL BE THE MOST HATED MAN IN THE CITY!

AS THE NIGHT COURT SESSION GOES ON, THE JUDGE'S DECISIONS BECOME MORE AND MORE TOPSY-TURVY...
FOR PICKING FLOWERS IN THE PARK--40 YEARS AT HARD LABOR!
FOR PLAYING YOUR DRUMS AT NIGHT, YOU CAN GO BACK HOME, MR. RUGGLES--
--BUT FOR DISTURBING A BUSY POLICEMAN WITH A COMPLAINT ABOUT IT, YOU GO TO JAIL, MRS. REDGAP!
YOU ARRESTED HIM JUST FOR STEALING A POLICE CAR?!
CASE DISMISSED!
I CAN'T WAIT FOR TOMORROW'S PAPER TO COME OUT!


AND WHEN TOMORROW COMES, BILLY BATSON PASSES THE NEWSSTAND OPERATED BY HIS FRIEND, FREDDY FREEMAN...
MORNING, FREDDY--HOW ABOUT A PAPER?
SURE, BILLY--AS SOON AS I UNTIE--HOLY MOLEY!

LOOK AT THAT HEADLINE!
I DON'T GET IT! JUDGE PLEASANT IS ONE OF THE FINEST MEN IN TOWN!
I'D BETTER LOOK INTO--
DAILY CHRONICLE
JUDGE DISHES OUT INJUSTICE!
MATTHEW PLEASANT DELIVERS UNUSUAL VERDICTS AS STRANGE STATUE APPEARS AT COURT BUILDING

BUT IN THE MIDDLE OF BILLY'S SENTENCE, THE AIR IS DROWNED IN THE SOUND OF...
WHREEEE!
...THE POLICE CHASING A GETAWAY CAR FULL OF CRIMINALS!

LOOK! THE POLICE ARE BLOCKED AT THE RED LIGHT BY THE CEMENT TRUCK!
HOLD IT, FREDDY! DON'T CALL ON CAPTAIN MARVEL JR. WHEN YOU'VE GOT THE NEWSSTAND TO RUN!
I'D BETTER GO INTO ACTION!
I'LL HANDLE IT--
CAPTAIN MAR--

SHAZAM!
AS ORPHAN BILLY BATSON CALLS THE OLD WIZARD'S NAME, A FLASH OF MAGIC LIGHTNING CRASHES, HERALDING THE ARRIVAL OF...
BOOM!
...CAPTAIN MARVEL!
DON'T WORRY, OFFICERS--
--I'LL MAKE SHORT WORK OF THOSE CROOKS!
WITH THE SPEED OF MERCURY, THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL FLIES OVER THE STREETS COVERED BY THE GETAWAY CAR...
IT'S CAPTAIN MARVEL ON OUR TAIL! BLAST HIM!
BLAM! CRAKK! POWIE!
HE SHOULD'VE BEEN BLASTED BY NOW... BUT THE BULLETS BOUNCE OFF HIM LIKE HAILSTONES!
YOUR GUN ISN'T ALL THAT'S GOING TO BE USELESS...
...WHEN I TURN YOUR CAR INTO A TWO-WHEELER!
YEOWW!
--HE SENT OUR TWO BACK WHEELS FLYING!
WE'RE DONE FOR!
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SOON, THE CROOKS ACCOMPANY CAPTAIN MARVEL AND THE POLICE FOR A RIDE IN THE PADDY WAGON...
THOSE THUGS THOUGHT THEY COULD GET AWAY WITH STEALING A VALUABLE MASTERPIECE FROM THE MUSEUM!
THEY'LL KNOW BETTER ONCE WE GET THEM TO THE JUDGE TO CHARGE THEM WITH THE CRIME!
LOOK AT THAT UGLY STATUE! WONDER HOW IT GOT THERE, CAPTAIN MARVEL?
YES, A--ER, FRIEND OF MINE READ ABOUT THAT IN THE MORNING PAPER...
POLICE
INJUSTICE
I'M GOING TO REMOVE IT SO IT DOESN'T DEFACE THE HALLS OF JUSTICE--
ATTENTION! DO NOT MOVE THIS STATUE!
HOLY MOLEY!
IF THE STATUE OF INJUSTICE IS MOVED BY FORCE, IT WILL UPSET AN UNDERGROUND FAULT--
--AND THE CITY WILL IMMEDIATELY BE DESTROYED BY A TERRIBLE EARTHQUAKE!
I WOULDN'T WANT TO RISK AN EARTHQUAKE-- EVEN THOUGH THE THREAT MIGHT NOT BE TRUE!
WE'D BETTER GET THESE CROOKS INSIDE BEFORE YOU DO ANYTHING, CAP!
NEXT CASE!
WHO'S NEXT? STEP UP NOW-- SOMEBODY!
BLAM!
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I'M NOT NEXT-- N-NOT ME!
I'VE GOT PLENTY OF TIME-- I CAN WAIT!
LET SOMEBODY ELSE GO BEFORE ME! ANYBODY!
I GUESS IF NOBODY ELSE IS NEXT, WE ARE!
HEH! HEH! EVERYBODY'S AFRAID TO GO BEFORE THE JUDGE EXCEPT THAT RED-SUITED DO-GOODER!
WHAT HAVE WE HERE... A SUPER-HERO PLAYING POLICEMAN?
I CAPTURED THESE TWO CRIMINALS WHO ROBBED THE ART MUSEUM, YOUR HONOR!
AS THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL EXPLAINS THE STORY OF THE CAPTURE TO THE JUDGE...
... THEN THE OFFICERS CALLED THE PADDY WAGON, AND HERE WE ARE!
WELL, I CAN'T SEE THAT THESE HARD-WORKING CROOKS DID ANY HARM STEALING A MEASLY PAINTING...
...SO I'M SETTING THEM FREE!
NOW, CAPTAIN MARVEL... DID YOU SAY YOU TOOK AFTER THEM BY FLYING THROUGH A RED LIGHT?
WHY, ER-- YES, I SUPPOSE I DID...
THAT SETTLES IT! DON'T YOU REALIZE SERIOUS ACCIDENTS CAN BE CAUSED THAT WAY?
THERE IS NO EXCUSE FOR SUCH VIOLATION OF THE LAW! I SENTENCE YOU, CAPTAIN MARVEL...
...TO FIFTY YEARS AT HARD LABOR!
HOLY MOLEY... FIFTY YEARS?!!
I'M SORRY, CAPTAIN MARVEL, BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO COME WITH US!
OH, I'M HAVING SUCH A GOOD TIME, I CAN HARDLY STAND IT!
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JUST THINK-- YEARS AGO WHEN MY GANG AND I TRIED TO BLACKMAIL THE WORLD WITH MY SPEECH-SCRAMBLER MACHINE...
...THE MARVELS CAPTURED US*... AND THAT GOODY-TWO-SHOES JUDGE GAVE ME THE MAXIMUM PENALTY-- TO PROTECT DECENT CITIZENS, HE SAID!
*THE MARVEL FAMILY DEFEATED PROF. THORNE IN THE AUG., 1950 ISSUE OF THEIR MAGAZINE! - Editor
"NO ONE IN PRISON EVER SUSPECTED I WAS SPENDING ALL MY TIME PLANNING REVENGE..."
THE GUARDS THINK I'M DESIGNING A NEW KIND OF RADIO FOR THE PRISONERS TO USE...
HEH! HEH! HEH!
THEY DON'T KNOW THAT THIS TRANSMITTER IS TUNED TO THE VIBRATIONS FROM JUDGE PLEASANT'S MIND--
--TO MAKE HIM REVERSE HIS WAY OF THINKING... MAKING HIM A MENACE TO "DECENT CITIZENS"!
NOW I'M KILLING TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE...
...DISCREDITING JUDGE PLEASANT AND GETTING CAPTAIN MARVEL BEHIND BARS!
SOON, IT IS AN OUT-OF-PLACE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL WHO IS GIVEN A HAMMER, AS...
I DON'T KNOW WHY THE JUDGE SAYS YOU BELONG HERE, CAPTAIN MARVEL, BUT YOU'LL BE TREATED LIKE ANY OTHER PRISONER!
HERE'S A SLEDGE-HAMMER--GO TO WORK ON THOSE ROCKS!
THANK YOU, SIR...
...DO YOU HAVE ANY MORE ROCKPILES YOU WANT TAKEN CARE OF?
KA-POW-WW!
GASP! HE-HE DEMOLISHED THE WHOLE PILE IN JUST ONE SWING!
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LATER AS CAPTAIN MARVEL IS LED WITH OTHER PRISONERS TO THEIR CELLS...
HOLY MOLEY! HOW WILL I GET OUT OF HERE TO KEEP JUDGE PLEASANT FROM CAUSING MORE TROUBLE?
I CAN'T BREAK OUT OF JAIL... THAT WOULD BE AGAINST THE LAW...
I HAVE IT! CAPTAIN MARVEL CAN'T GET OUT OF JAIL... BUT I KNOW SOMEONE WHO CAN!
SHAZAM!
AT THE MENTION OF THE MAGIC WORD, THE MAGIC LIGHTNING BOLT RETURNS TO BRING ABOUT A STARTLING CHANGE TO...
BOOM!
... BILLY BATSON -- BOY NEWSCASTER!...
HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, KID?
I DON'T KNOW-- I JUST GOT HERE MYSELF!
HOWEVER YOU GOT IN HERE, BOYS LIKE YOU SHOULDN'T BE HANGING OUT WITH HARDENED CRIMINALS!
THAT SOUNDS LOGICAL!
CITY BUS
Intercity Bus Lines
BUS STOP
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NOW TO GET BACK TO THE COURTHOUSE AND SEE HOW ALL THIS TROUBLE STARTED!
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WHEN BILLY ARRIVES AT THE COURTHOUSE...
HOLY MOLEY! WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
IT'S SO NICE OF YOU TO TAKE US ON A TOUR OF THE PRISON COMPOUND, YOUR HONOR!
GREAT! THE JUDGE IS GOING ON A FIELD TRIP WITH SOME PRIVATE CITIZENS! I'LL TAG ALONG!
AT LEAST NO MORE HARM CAN BE DONE WHILE THE JUDGE ISN'T PRESIDING OVER COURT!
CURIOUSLY ENOUGH, BILLY IS BACK AT THE PRISON HE JUST LEFT...
COME RIGHT IN, JUDGE PLEASANT!
THAT BEARDED MAN-- HE WAS IN THE COURT-HOUSE WHEN CAPTAIN MARVEL WAS THERE!
HE LOOKS AWFULLY FAMILIAR!
OF COURSE! IT'S PROF. GILBERT THORNE-- THE EVIL SCIENTIST WHO WAS RECENTLY RELEASED FROM THIS PRISON!
ER... YOU SEEM TO KNOW SOME OF THE PEOPLE HERE, SIR?
WHY, YES, SON--
I USED TO BE, ER--LIBRARIAN AT THE PRISON LIBRARY... TRYING TO HELP THESE POOR, MISGUIDED SOULS TO EDUCATE THEMSELVES!
THAT'S A LIE!
BUT IT GIVES ME AN IDEA WHERE I MIGHT FIND AN ANSWER TO MY PROBLEM!
SIR, I'M BILLY BATSON, THE BOY NEWSCASTER ON STATION WHIZ! I WAS WONDERING IF I COULD SEE THE PRISON LIBRARY...
...I WAS THINKING OF FILMING A NEWS FEATURE ON IT!
WHY, CERTAINLY, MR. BATSON! FOLLOW ME!
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AFTER AN EXHAUSTIVE SEARCH THROUGH THE PRISON LIBRARY, BILLY FINALLY FINDS...
PROF. THORNE'S NOTES FROM WHEN HE WAS A PRISONER HERE!
I FIGURED HE WOULDN'T TAKE THEM WITH HIM, SINCE HE'D BE SEARCHED BEFORE LEAVING! GUESS HE MEMORIZED THEM!
HOLY MOLEY-- THESE ARE THE PLANS FOR THE INJUSTICE STATUE, BUT I CAN'T UNDERSTAND THEM!
ONLY ONE THING TO DO-- SINCE I'M ALREADY IN PRISON, WHERE CAPTAIN MARVEL BELONGS! I CAN SAY...
...SHAZAM...
AS BILLY BATSON UTTERS HIS MAGIC WORD, ANOTHER BOLT OF MYSTIC LIGHTNING STRIKES FROM THE END OF THE UNIVERSE, TO BRING...
POW W!
...THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL!
HOLY MOLEY! I'VE SPOTTED A FLAW IN THE STATUE!
IF IT'S HIT AT A CERTAIN POINT, IT'LL SHATTER WITHOUT WRECKING THE CITY--
--AND I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN DO IT!
...AND THROW THIS HAMMER EXACTLY RIGHT...
...TO HIT THE STATUE FROM THE PRECISE ANGLE--
LOOK-- IT'S CAPTAIN MARVEL! RUNNING TOWARD THE ROCK PILE!
I'VE GOT TO FIGURE OUT EXACTLY HOW FAR FROM HERE THE STATUE IS...

WHEN THE BIG HAMMER FINALLY LANDS...
WHOOSH
CRASH!
L-L-LOOK! THAT HAMMER SHATTERED THE STATUE OF INJUSTICE!
IT WAS FULL OF ELECTRONIC GADGETS AND THINGS!
AND AT THAT MOMENT, AT THE PRISON...
WH-WH-WHAT HAVE I DONE?
I SHOULDN'T HAVE SENT ALL THOSE INNOCENT PEOPLE TO JAIL --ESPECIALLY CAPTAIN MARVEL!
THAT'S ALL I WANTED TO HEAR, JUDGE! IT'S MY CUE--
--TO DO THIS!
PROFESSOR GILBERT THORNE WAS THE MAN WHO STOLE THE STATUE OF JUSTICE AND FORCED YOU TO MAKE ALL THOSE WRONG VERDICTS!
POW!
I JUST DESTROYED THE UGLY STATUE THAT WAS MAKING YOU CONFUSE JUSTICE WITH INJUSTICE!
--AND GOOD RIDDANCE!
MY NEXT ACT IS TO REVERSE MY DECISIONS ON ALL THE PEOPLE I IMPRISONED UNJUSTLY--
--STARTING WITH YOU, CAPTAIN MARVEL!
B-BUT... I DID BREAK A LAW BY GOING THROUGH THAT RED LIGHT, YOUR HONOR...
NONSENSE, MY BOY--
--YOU FLEW THROUGH A RED LIGHT... AND HOW COULD THERE BE A LAW AGAINST THAT?
BIRDS DO IT ALL THE TIME!
AFTER PROF. THORNE REVEALED WHERE HE HID THE STATUE OF JUSTICE HE STOLE...
...CAPTAIN MARVEL RETURNED IT TO THE COURTHOUSE--AND JUDGE PLEASANT AGAIN BECAME THE FAIREST JUDGE ANYONE COULD ASK FOR!
SEE YOU SOON, FOLKS!
THE END
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I AM PRIDE! THE BIBLE SAYS OF ME, "PRIDE GOETH BEFORE DESTRUCTION, AND AN HAUGHTY SPIRIT BEFORE A FALL."
PRIDE
HOW TRUE! HERE'S A STORY OF HOW I WORKED ON THE THREE MANAGERS OF EARTH... AND THEIR PRIDE NEARLY LED TO THE DESTRUCTION OF THE WORLD!
THE MARVEL FAMILY
BATTLES THE SNEAKING DOOM!
HOLY MOLEY!
WHEN MARY AND BILLY BATSON SAY THE NAME OF THE ANCIENT SORCERER, SHAZAM, AND WHEN FREDDY FREEMAN SAYS THE NAME OF HIS HERO, CAPTAIN MARVEL, THE THREE YOUNGSTERS INSTANTLY ARE CHANGED INTO THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST FAMILY— THE MARVEL FAMILY!
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MIGHTY OAKS FROM TINY ACORNS GROW! EVEN THE KEEN MINDS OF CAPTAIN MARVEL, MARY MARVEL, AND CAPTAIN MARVEL JR FAIL TO SEE THE TRUTH IN THAT OLD SAYING UNTIL A SERIES OF SEEMINGLY ISOLATED EVENTS SUDDENLY CONFRONTS THEM WITH THE MOST FRIGHTFUL REVELATION OF ALL HISTORY THE SNEAKING DOOM!
CHAPTER ONE
THE LAND, SEA and AIR MYSTERY
ART: C.C. BECK & PETE COSTANZA
THERE IS NOTHING UNUSUAL IN BILLY BATSON, BOY NEWSCASTER OF STATION WHIZ, HAVING LUNCH IN HIS OFFICE, EXCEPT FOR ONE THING—
NOTHING LIKE A GLASS OF CREAMY WHITE MILK TO TOP OFF A LUNCH— HEY! SINCE WHEN IS MILK GREEN?
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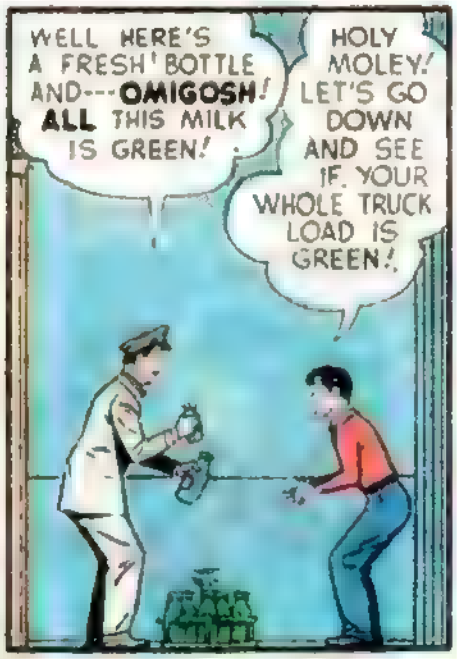
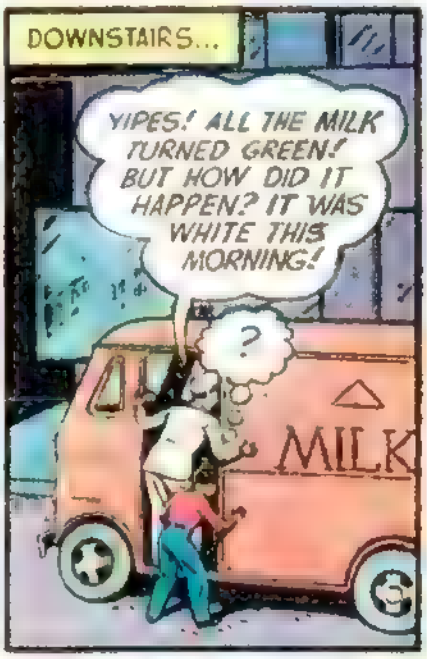
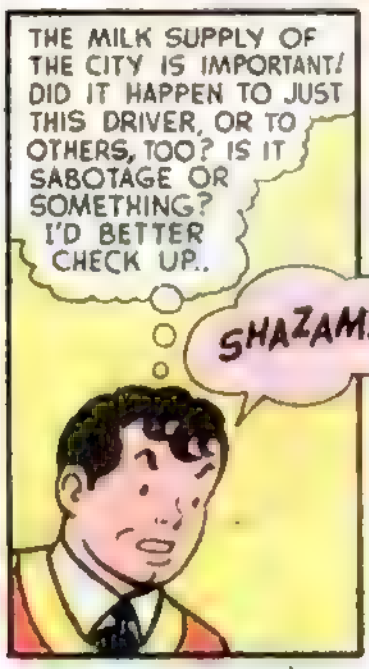
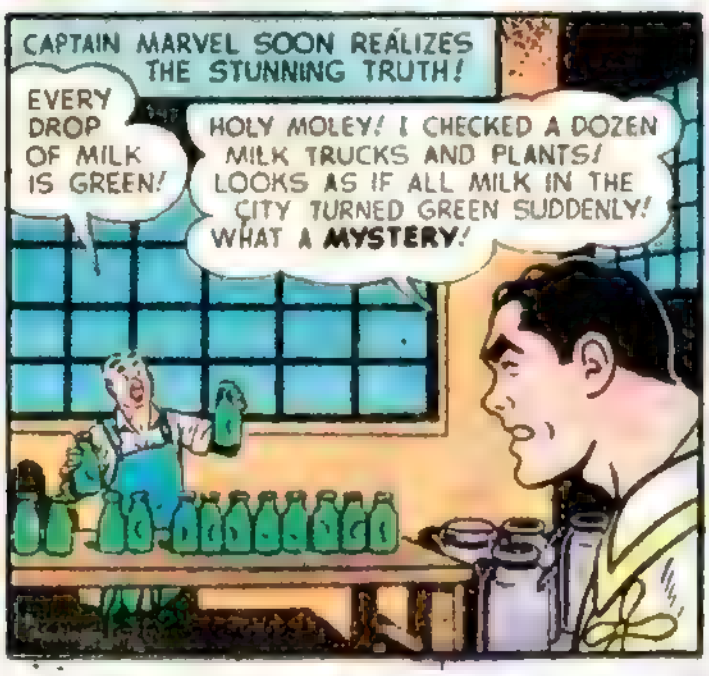
THE MARVEL FAMILY!

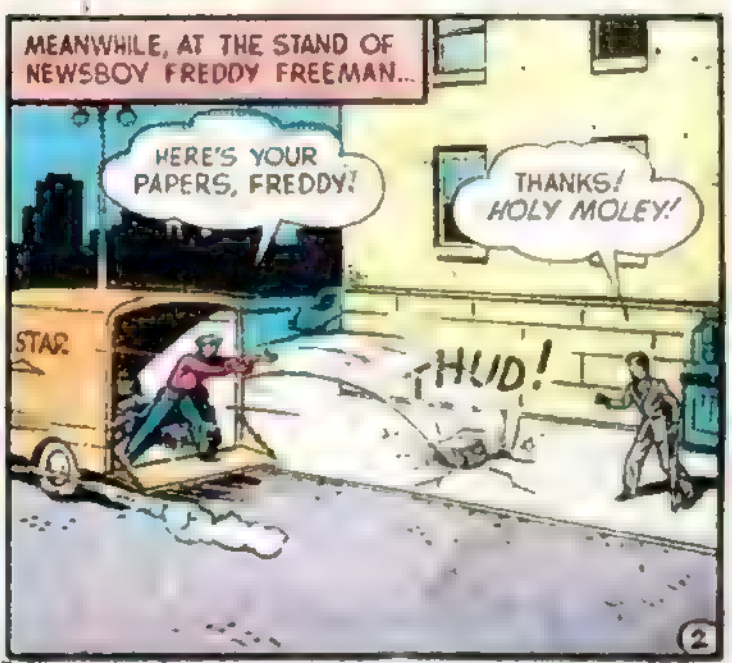

WELL HERE'S A FRESH BOTTLE AND---OMIGOSH! ALL THIS MILK IS GREEN!
HOLY MOLEY! LET'S GO DOWN AND SEE IF YOUR WHOLE TRUCK LOAD IS GREEN!




THE MILK SUPPLY OF THE CITY IS IMPORTANT! DID IT HAPPEN TO JUST THIS DRIVER, OR TO OTHERS, TOO? IS IT SABOTAGE OR SOMETHING? I'D BETTER CHECK UP..
SHAZAM!

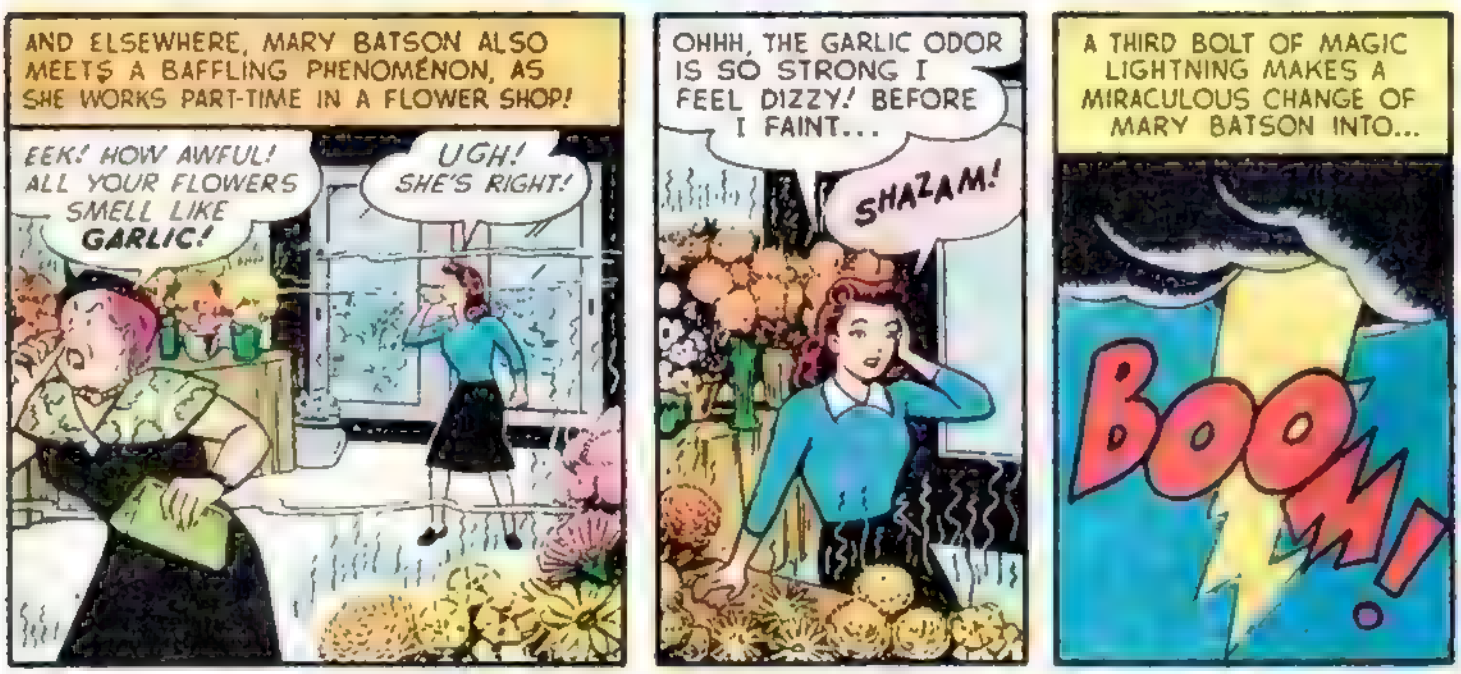
IN HIS PLACE APPEARS RENOWNED CAPTAIN MARVEL, THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL!
I'LL MAKE A QUICK CHECK ON OTHER MILK TRUCKS AND ALSO BOTTLING PLANTS!

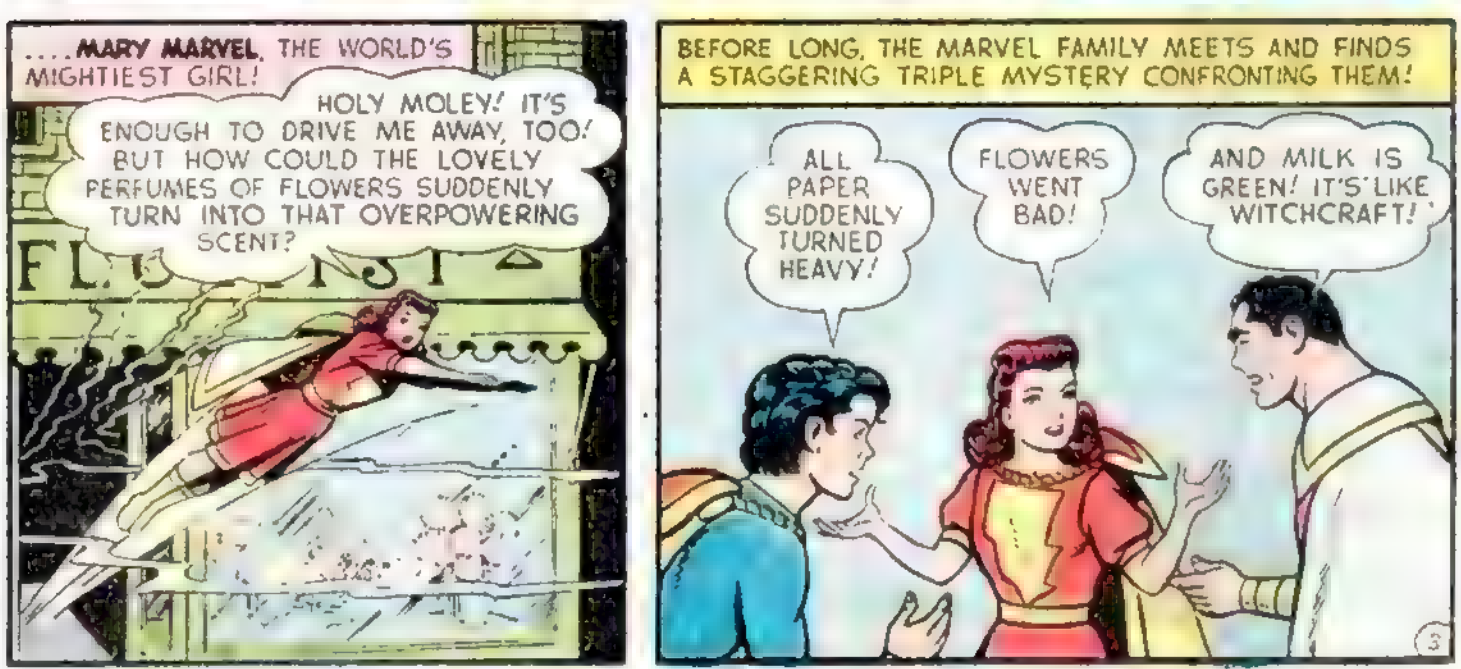

CAPTAIN MARVEL SOON REALIZES THE STUNNING TRUTH!
EVERY DROP OF MILK IS GREEN!
HOLY MOLEY! I CHECKED A DOZEN MILK TRUCKS AND PLANTS! LOOKS AS IF ALL MILK IN THE CITY TURNED GREEN SUDDENLY! WHAT A MYSTERY!



SUPER-SPECTACULAR SHAZAM!

SOMETHING'S GONE WRONG! I CAN'T LIFT THESE NEWSPAPERS! THEY SEEM TO WEIGH A TON! I'LL NEED HELP!
CAPTAIN MARVEL!
WHEN FREDDY UTTERS THE GREAT NAME OF HIS HERO, MAGIC LIGHTNING ALSO SPLITS THE AIR AND CHANGES HIM TO....
BOOM!
...CAPTAIN MARVEL JR., THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST BOY!
HOLY MOLEY! PAPER HAS ALWAYS BEEN ONE OF THE LIGHTEST THINGS KNOWN! BUT NOW IT'S HEAVIER THAN SOLID STONE! WHAT CAUSED THIS?


AND ELSEWHERE, MARY BATSON ALSO MEETS A BAFFLING PHENOMENON, AS SHE WORKS PART-TIME IN A FLOWER SHOP!
EEK! HOW AWFUL! ALL YOUR FLOWERS SMELL LIKE GARLIC!
UGH! SHE'S RIGHT!
OHHH, THE GARLIC ODOR IS SO STRONG I FEEL DIZZY! BEFORE I FAINT...
SHAZAM!
A THIRD BOLT OF MAGIC LIGHTNING MAKES A MIRACULOUS CHANGE OF MARY BATSON INTO...
BOOM!


....MARY MARVEL, THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST GIRL!
HOLY MOLEY! IT'S ENOUGH TO DRIVE ME AWAY, TOO! BUT HOW COULD THE LOVELY PERFUMES OF FLOWERS SUDDENLY TURN INTO THAT OVERPOWERING SCENT?
BEFORE LONG, THE MARVEL FAMILY MEETS AND FINDS A STAGGERING TRIPLE MYSTERY CONFRONTING THEM!
ALL PAPER SUDDENLY TURNED HEAVY!
FLOWERS WENT BAD!
AND MILK IS GREEN! IT'S LIKE WITCHCRAFT!
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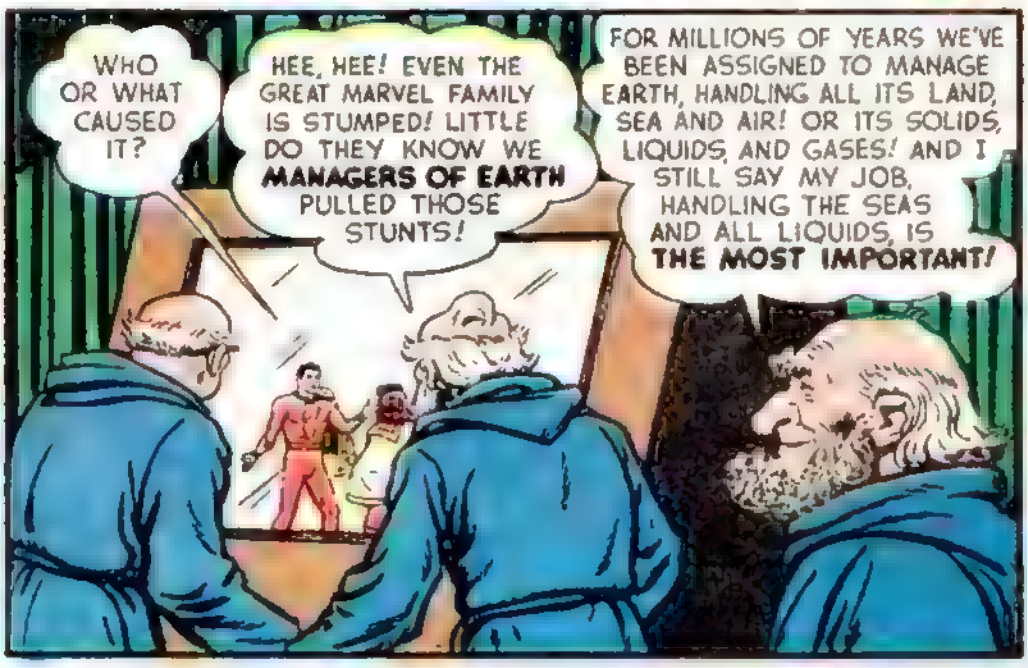
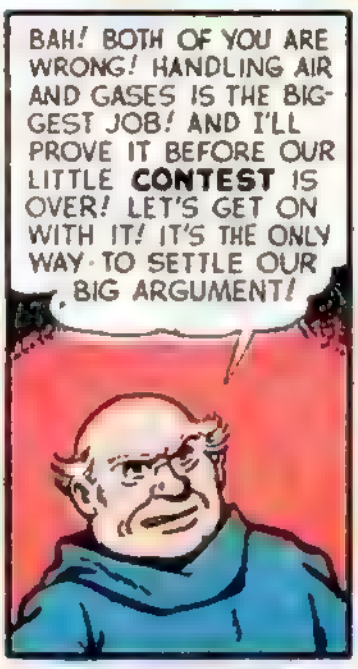
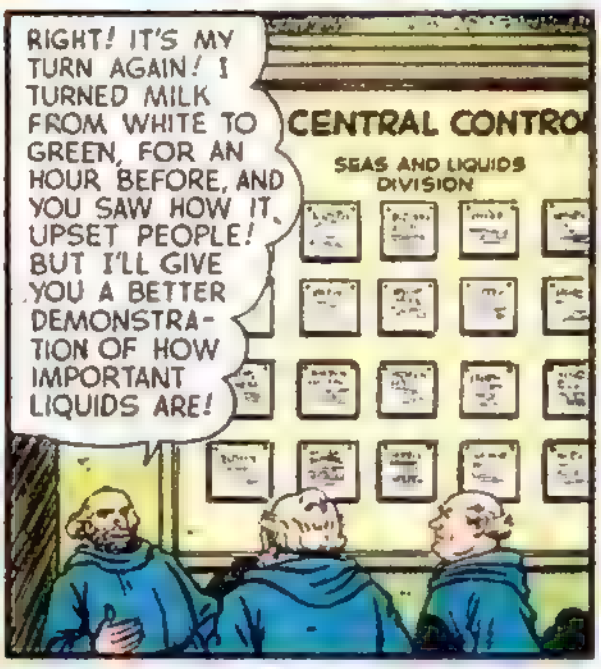
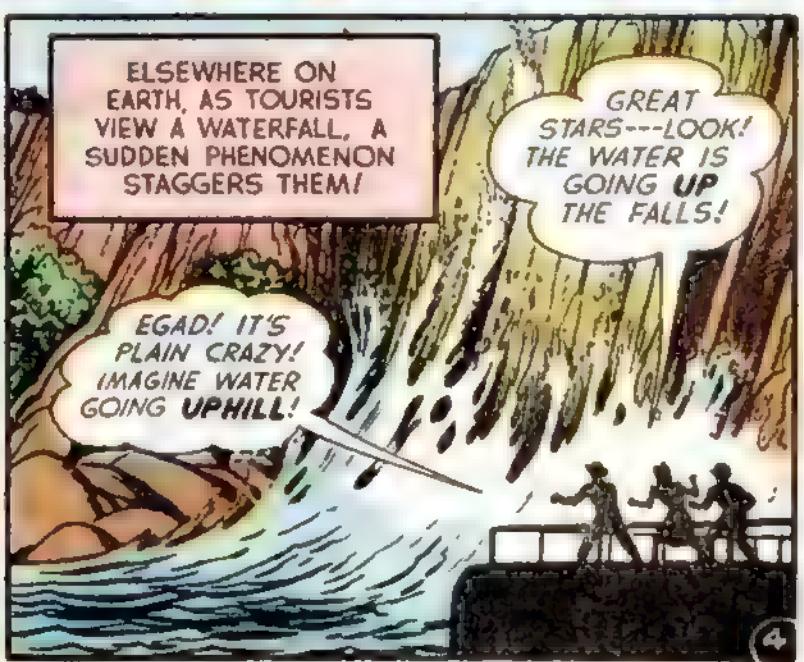
WHAT'S MORE, REPORTS HAVE COME IN THAT THE SAME HAPPENED ALL OVER! NOT ONLY IN AMERICA, BUT ALL OVER **EARTH**! IT'S A **WORLD-WIDE** MYSTERY! WHO OR WHAT CAUSED IT?


WHO OR WHAT CAUSED IT?
HEE, HEE! EVEN THE GREAT MARVEL FAMILY IS STUMPED! LITTLE DO THEY KNOW WE **MANAGERS OF EARTH** PULLED THOSE STUNTS!
FOR MILLIONS OF YEARS WE'VE BEEN ASSIGNED TO MANAGE EARTH, HANDLING ALL ITS LAND, SEA AND AIR! OR ITS SOLIDS, LIQUIDS, AND GASES! AND I STILL SAY MY JOB, HANDLING THE SEAS AND ALL LIQUIDS, IS **THE MOST IMPORTANT!**


BAH! BOTH OF YOU ARE WRONG! HANDLING AIR AND GASES IS THE BIGGEST JOB! AND I'LL PROVE IT BEFORE OUR LITTLE **CONTEST** IS OVER! LET'S GET ON WITH IT! IT'S THE ONLY WAY TO SETTLE OUR BIG ARGUMENT!


RIGHT! IT'S MY TURN AGAIN! I TURNED MILK FROM WHITE TO GREEN, FOR AN HOUR BEFORE, AND YOU SAW HOW IT UPSET PEOPLE! BUT I'LL GIVE YOU A BETTER DEMONSTRATION OF HOW IMPORTANT LIQUIDS ARE!
CENTRAL CONTRO
SEAS AND LIQUIDS DIVISION

I'LL MAKE ALL WATER GO UPHILL INSTEAD OF DOWNHILL FOR AN HOUR! NOW WATCH HOW THIS WILL UPSET THE WORLD, PROVING HOW IMPORTANT **MY** JOB IS!
MILK
LIQUID FOOD
~~JUICE~~
GREEN
WATER
ALWAYS RUNS
~~DOWNHILL~~
UP


ELSEWHERE ON EARTH, AS TOURISTS VIEW A WATERFALL, A SUDDEN PHENOMENON STAGGERS THEM!
GREAT STARS---LOOK! THE WATER IS GOING **UP** THE FALLS!
EGAD! IT'S PLAIN CRAZY! IMAGINE WATER GOING **UPHILL**!
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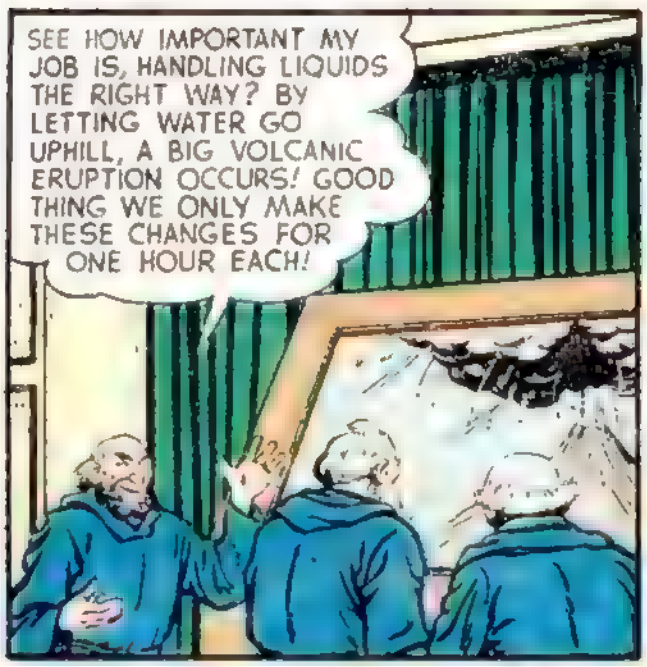
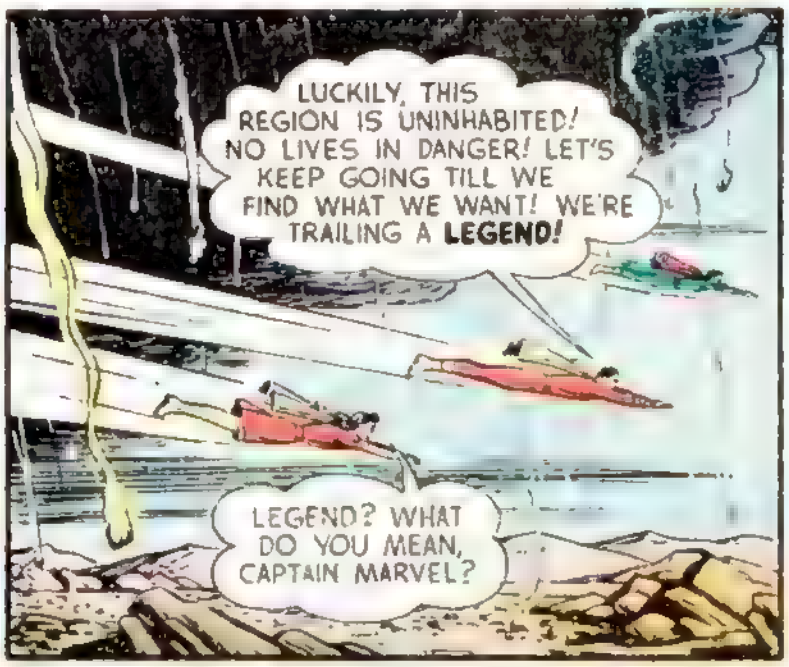
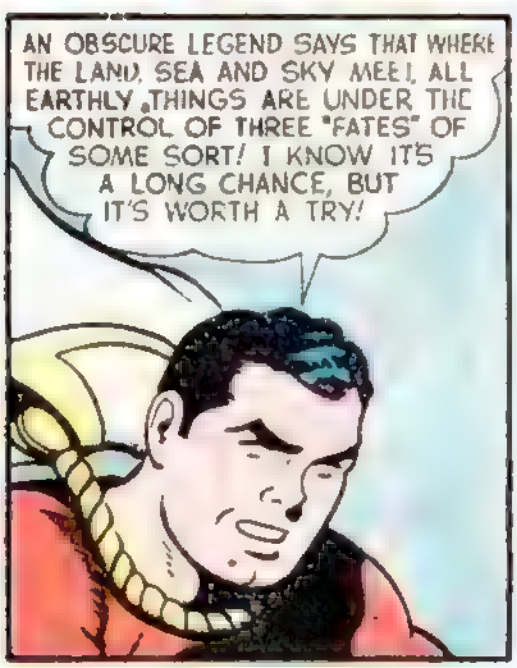
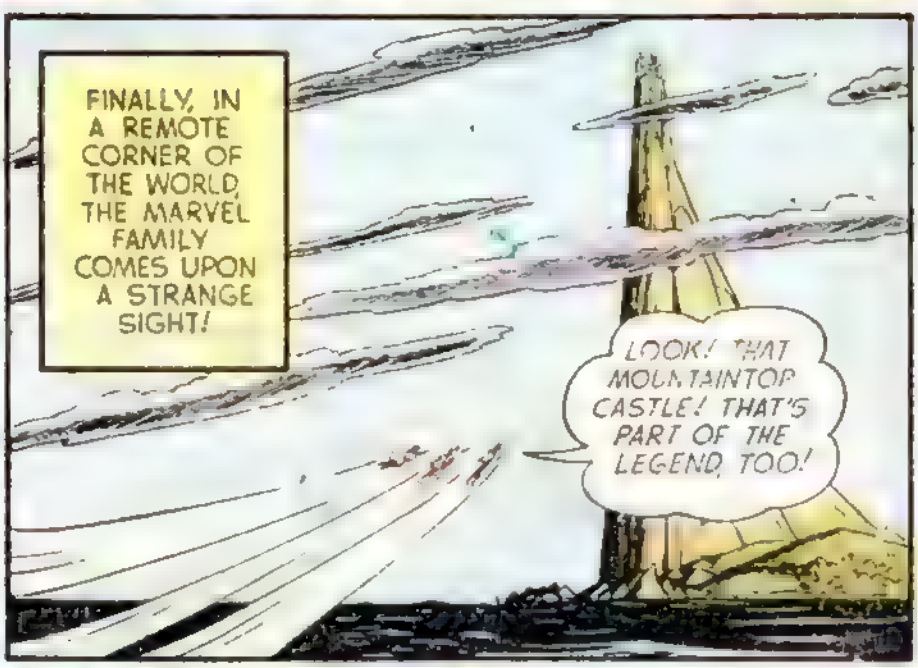
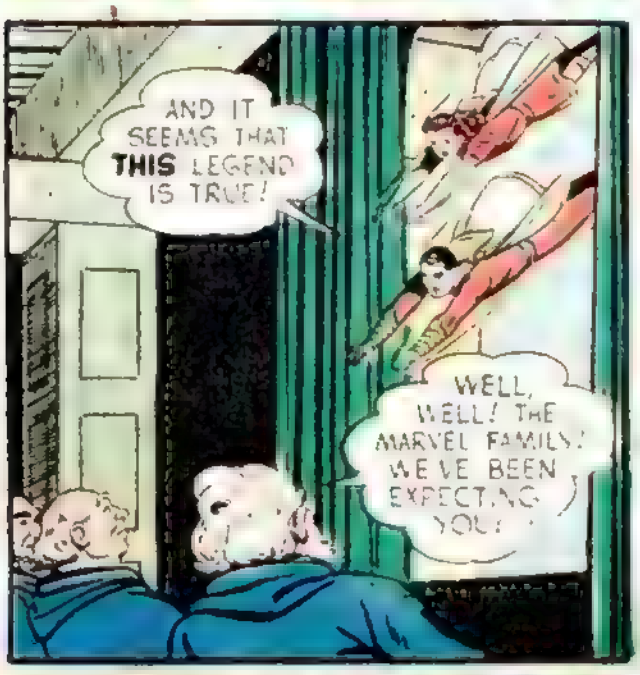
AND AS A RIVERBOAT CHUGS ITS WAY ALONG....
WHAT'S WRONG? WE'RE NOT MOVING! THE CURRENT'S GOING BACKWARDS!
LOOK OUT! THAT ROCK!
BUT THE MARVEL FAMILY HAS BEEN CRUISING FAR AND WIDE, SEEKING AN ANSWER TO THE GREAT MYSTERY AND..
HOLY MOLEY! THE RIVER IS FLOWING THE WRONG WAY!
WE'D BETTER HELP THAT BOAT!
SET IT ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ROCK SAFELY! THEN THEY CAN NAVIGATE BY THEMSELVES IN CLEAR WATER!
WATER DEFYING GRAVITY! IT'S LIKE BLACK MAGIC! WHO CAN HAVE THE POWER TO DO THINGS LIKE THAT?
I HAVE AN IDEA! FOLLOW ME! IT'S A LONG TRIP!
BUT LATER, ANOTHER GRIM EVENT OCCURS IN THEIR PATH!
OH OH! WATER FLOWED UPHILL INTO THAT SMOLDERING VOLCANO CRATER! WHEN THE WATER HITS THE MOLTEN LAVA...
BOOM
HOLY MOLEY! IT ERUPTED!

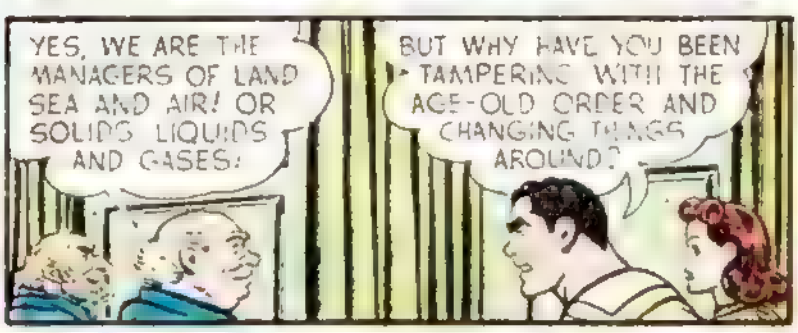

SEE HOW IMPORTANT MY JOB IS, HANDLING LIQUIDS THE RIGHT WAY? BY LETTING WATER GO UPHILL, A BIG VOLCANIC ERUPTION OCCURS! GOOD THING WE ONLY MAKE THESE CHANGES FOR ONE HOUR EACH!


LUCKILY, THIS REGION IS UNINHABITED! NO LIVES IN DANGER! LET'S KEEP GOING TILL WE FIND WHAT WE WANT! WE'RE TRAILING A **LEGEND!**
LEGEND? WHAT DO YOU MEAN, CAPTAIN MARVEL?


AN OBSCURE LEGEND SAYS THAT WHERE THE LAND, SEA AND SKY MEET, ALL EARTHLY THINGS ARE UNDER THE CONTROL OF THREE "FATES" OF SOME SORT! I KNOW IT'S A LONG CHANCE, BUT IT'S WORTH A TRY!


FINALLY, IN A REMOTE CORNER OF THE WORLD, THE MARVEL FAMILY COMES UPON A STRANGE SIGHT!
LOOK! THAT MOUNTAINTOP CASTLE! THAT'S PART OF THE LEGEND, TOO!


AND IT SEEMS THAT **THIS** LEGEND IS TRUE!
WELL, WELL! THE MARVEL FAMILY! WE'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU!


YES, WE ARE THE MANAGERS OF LAND SEA AND AIR! OR SOLIDS LIQUIDS AND GASES!
BUT WHY HAVE YOU BEEN TAMPERING WITH THE AGE-OLD ORDER AND CHANGING THINGS AROUND?

BECAUSE WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO PROVE WHICH OF US HAS THE **MOST IMPORTANT** JOB! MAYBE YOU CAN HELP US! TELL ME, WHICH DO YOU THINK IS THE MOST IMPORTANT -- THE LAND, SEA OR AIR?
WHY---UH---! HOLY MOLEY! WHAT A QUESTION!
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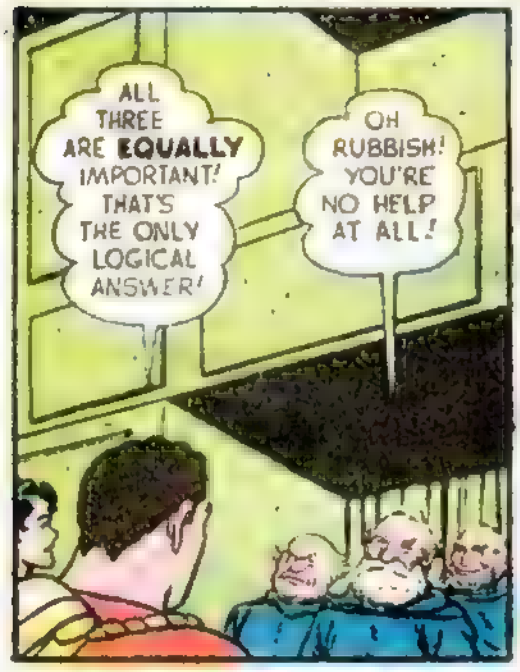
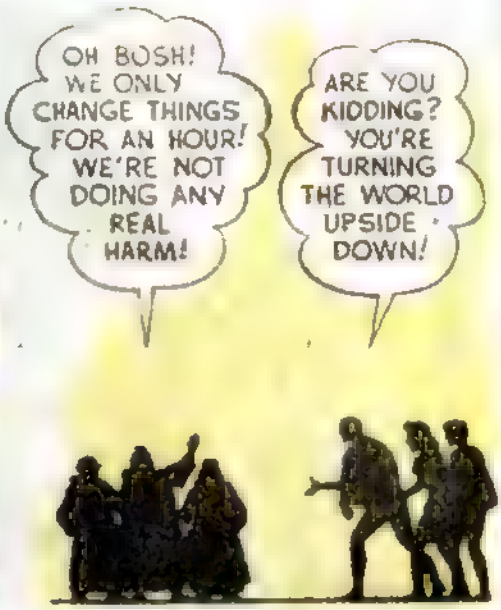
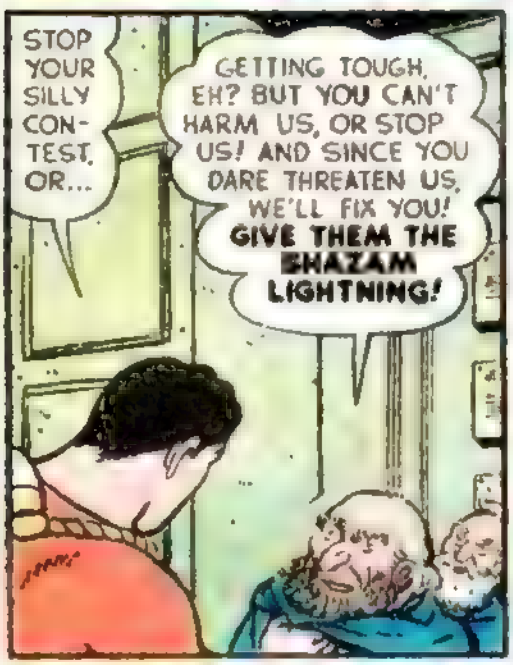
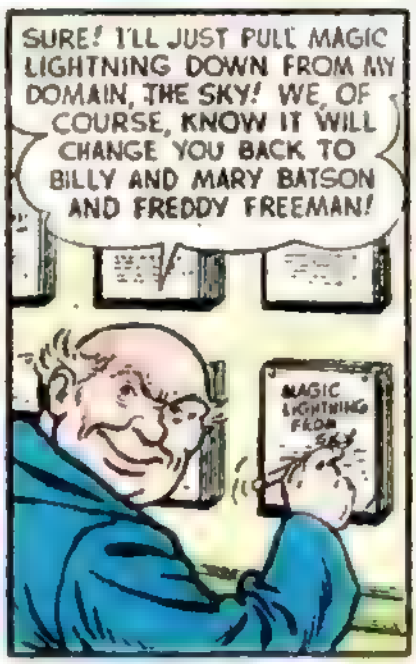
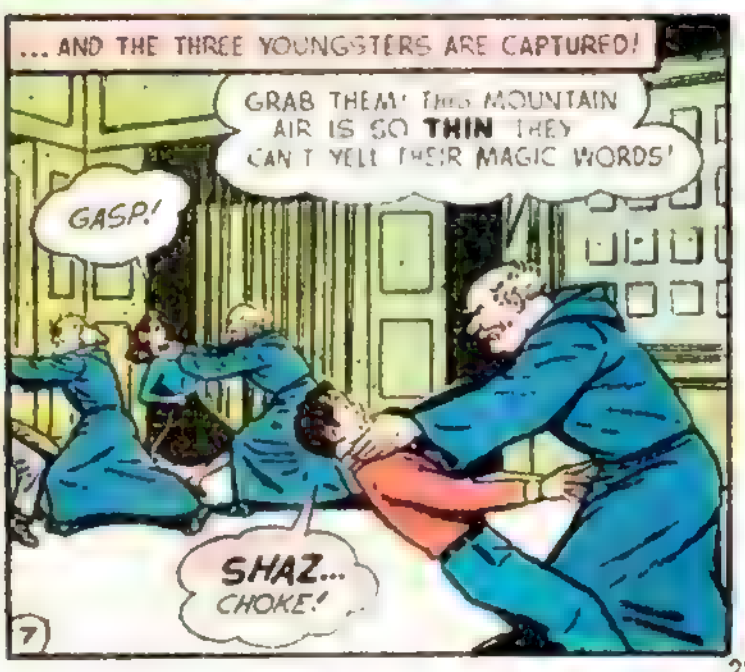


WE'LL JUST HAVE TO CONTINUE OUR CONTEST TILL ONE OF US WINS!
WAIT A MINUTE, YOU! DO YOU REALIZE WHAT YOUR CRAZY CONTEST IS DOING TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD? YOU'RE MAKING A TERRIFIC MESS OF THINGS! YOU'VE GOT TO STOP!




STOP YOUR SILLY CONTEST, OR...
GETTING TOUGH, EH? BUT YOU CAN'T HARM US, OR STOP US! AND SINCE YOU DARE THREATEN US, WE'LL FIX YOU! GIVE THEM THE SHAZAM LIGHTNING!


SURE! I'LL JUST PULL MAGIC LIGHTNING DOWN FROM MY DOMAIN, THE SKY! WE, OF COURSE, KNOW IT WILL CHANGE YOU BACK TO BILLY AND MARY BATSON AND FREDDY FREEMAN!
MAGIC LIGHTNING FROM SKY


... AND THE THREE YOUNGSTERS ARE CAPTURED!
GRAB THEM! THIS MOUNTAIN AIR IS SO THIN THEY CAN'T YELL THEIR MAGIC WORDS!
GASP!
SHAZ... CHOKE!
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FLING THEM DOWN TO THE SEA BELOW!
ARE BILLY, FREDDY AND MARY DOOMED? AND WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO EARTH AS THE STRANGE CONTEST BETWEEN THE THREE FATES CONTINUES? READ CHAPTER TWO OF THE SNEAKING DOOM!

THE MARVEL FAMILY

BATTLES THE SNEAKING DOOM!

CHAPTER TWO

THE CREEPING HORROR

SHAZ--- CHOKE!

CAPTAIN MAR--- GASP!

WE STILL CAN'T GET OUR BREATHS BACK ENOUGH TO YELL OUR MAGIC WORDS!

CHOKE!

BUT AFTER A LONG DROP..

THE AIR IS THICKER NOW! WE CAN SAY THE MAGIC WORDS!

SHAZAM!

CAPTAIN MARVEL!

SHAZAM!

TRIPLE MAGIC LIGHTNING ONCE MORE THUNDERS DOWN...

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

....BRINGING BACK THE MARVEL FAMILY!

WHEW! THAT WAS TOUCH AND GO! BUT I DON'T THINK THE FATES REALLY MEANT TO KILL BILLY, MARY AND FREDDY AT ALL!

MARY MARVEL'S GUESS IS RIGHT!
AHOY, MARVEL FAMILY! WE KNEW THE KIDS WOULD CHANGE IN TIME! IT WAS JUST OUR WAY OF KICKING THEM OUT AND SHOWING YOU HOW USELESS IT IS TO OPPOSE US!
WE ARE NOT EVIL! WE ARE NOT TRYING TO WRECK EARTH! WE ARE JUST GOING TO CARRY ON OUR THRILLING CONTEST TO THE FINISH! IT WILL BE OVER SOON AND THEN YOU CAN RELAX!
BUT YOU CAN'T STOP US, SO JUST SCRAM!
GUESS THAT'S ALL WE CAN DO!
WHAT A SITUATION! ALL WE CAN DO IS LET THEM CARRY ON THEIR CHILDISH CONTEST!
OUR JOB WILL BE TO KEEP ANY BIG DISASTERS FROM RESULTING!
WONDER WHAT THEY'LL PULL NEXT? WE'D BETTER SPLIT UP SO WE CAN COVER MORE TERRITORY! KEEP PATROLLING EARTH DAY AND NIGHT!
THE MARVEL FAMILY TOOK IT ALL TOO SERIOUSLY!
THEY ACTED AS IF IT WAS THE END OF THE WORLD OR SOMETHING!
IT JUST AMOUNTS TO A LITTLE EXCITEMENT FOR THE EARTHLINGS!
BUT I STILL SAY MY JOB IS MOST IMPORTANT HANDLING THE LAND.
NO, THE SEA!
BAH, THE AIR!
ALL RIGHT, IT'S MY TURN, FELLOWS! I'LL MAKE ROCKS MOVE, PROVING THAT THE LAND IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE SEA OR AIR!
ROCK
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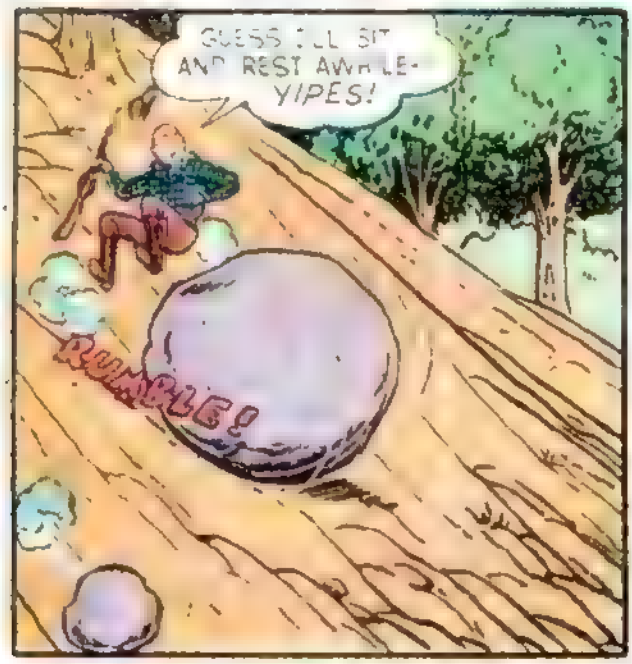
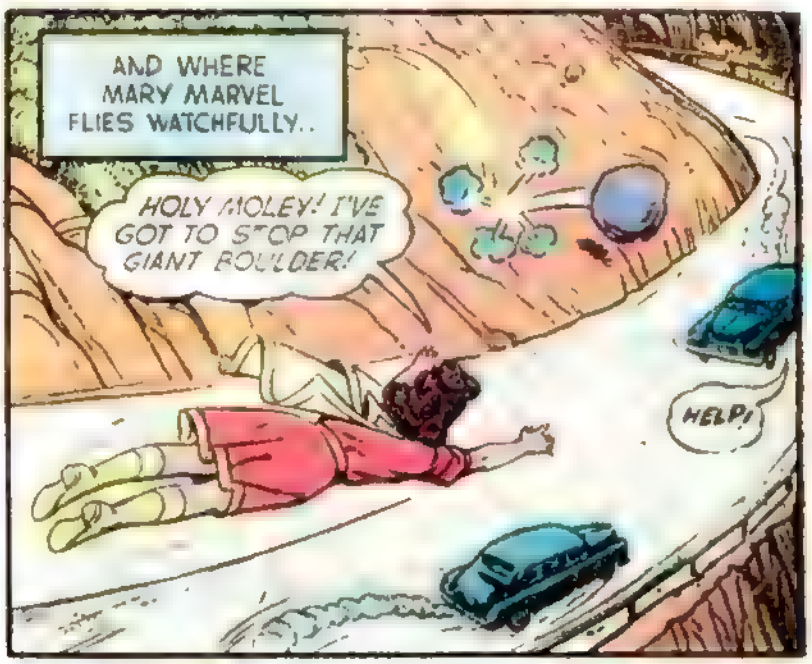
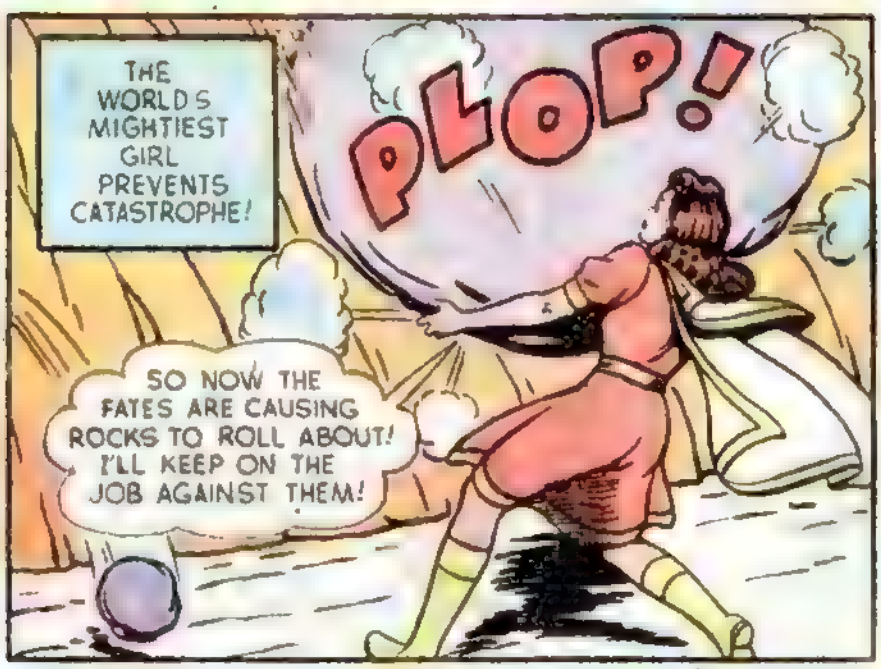

GUESS I'LL SIT AND REST AWHILE- YIPES!
RUMBLE!


AND WHERE MARY MARVEL FLIES WATCHFULLY..
HOLY MOLEY! I'VE GOT TO STOP THAT GIANT BOULDER!
HELP!


THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST GIRL PREVENTS CATASTROPHE!
PLOP!
SO NOW THE FATES ARE CAUSING ROCKS TO ROLL ABOUT! I'LL KEEP ON THE JOB AGAINST THEM!

PAH! MY TURN! THAT ROLLING-ROCK STUFF IS NOTHING! LOOK WHAT HAPPENS IF I DON'T HANDLE AIR RIGHT! WATCH THESE WHIRLWINDS IN ACTION!

EEK! A WHIRLWIND!
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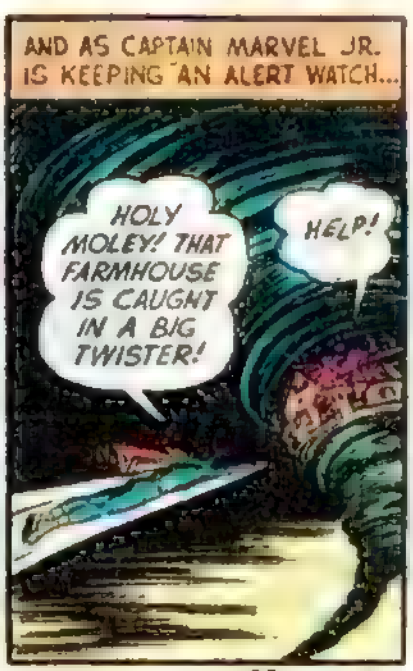
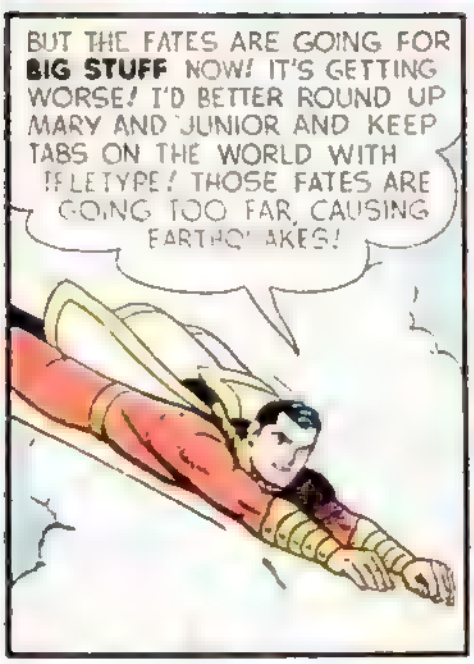
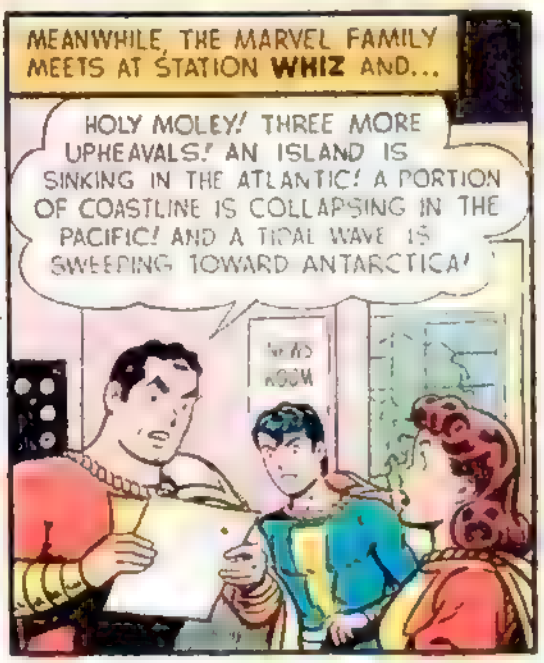

AND AS CAPTAIN MARVEL JR. IS KEEPING AN ALERT WATCH...
HOLY MOLEY! THAT FARMHOUSE IS CAUGHT IN A BIG TWISTER!
HELP!

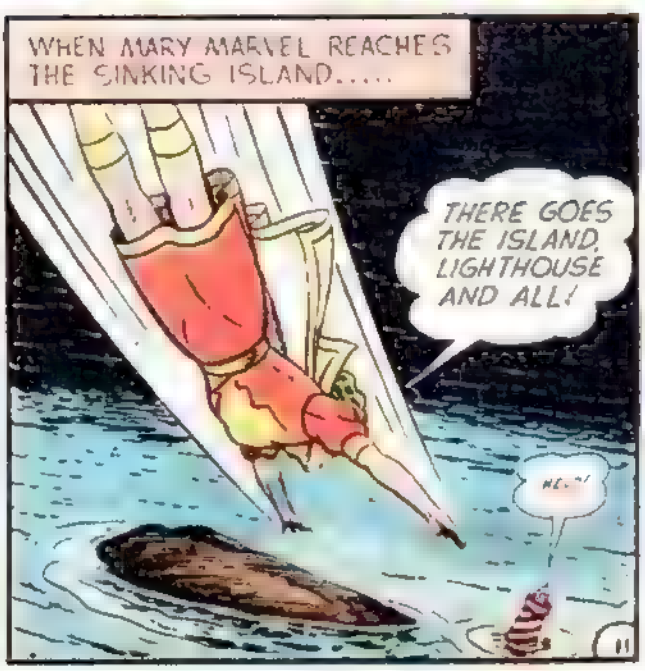
THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST BOY PERFORMS!
THERE'S CALM AIR THIS WAY, WHERE I CAN SET THE HOUSE DOWN!

SUPER-SPECTACULAR SHAZAM!

AND MEANWHILE CAPTAIN MARVEL HAS HIS HANDS FULL!
HOLY MOLEY! A BIG EARTHQUAKE HERE! I'M GLAD IT'S JUST WILD JUNGLE LAND, WITH NO ONE IN DANGER!
CRACK!

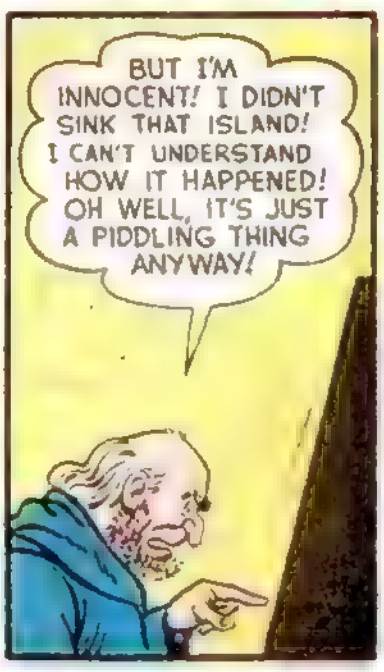

BUT THE FATES ARE GOING FOR BIG STUFF NOW! IT'S GETTING WORSE! I'D BETTER ROUND UP MARY AND JUNIOR AND KEEP TABS ON THE WORLD WITH TELETYPE! THOSE FATES ARE GOING TOO FAR, CAUSING EARTHQUAKES!

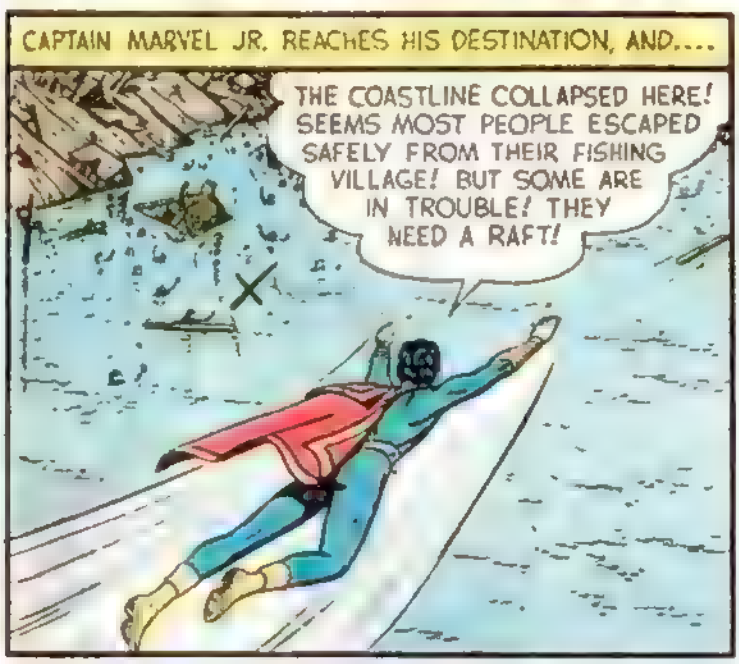

MEANWHILE, THE MARVEL FAMILY MEETS AT STATION WHIZ AND...
HOLY MOLEY! THREE MORE UPHEAVALS! AN ISLAND IS SINKING IN THE ATLANTIC! A PORTION OF COASTLINE IS COLLAPSING IN THE PACIFIC! AND A TIDAL WAVE IS SWEEPING TOWARD ANTARCTICA!



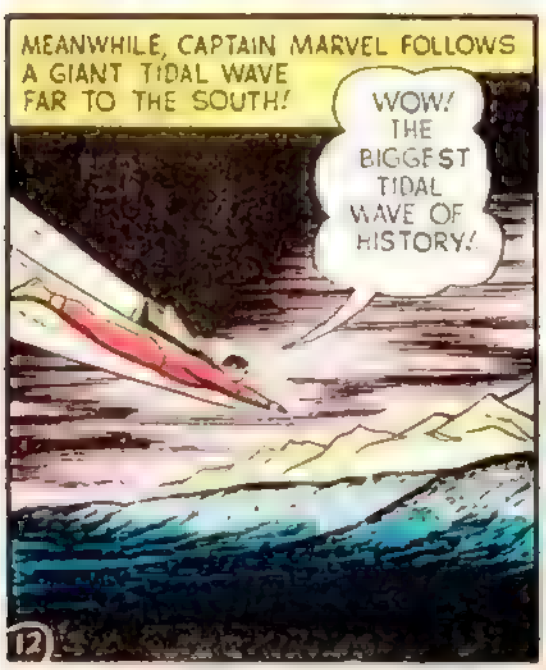
BUT NOT THE LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER! I CAN SAVE HIM!

THIS MUST HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY THE MANAGER OF THE SEA! DON'T THOSE FATES HAVE ANY MERCY AT ALL?


BUT I'M INNOCENT! I DIDN'T SINK THAT ISLAND! I CAN'T UNDERSTAND HOW IT HAPPENED! OH WELL, IT'S JUST A PIDDLING THING ANYWAY!


CAPTAIN MARVEL JR. REACHES HIS DESTINATION, AND....
THE COASTLINE COLLAPSED HERE! SEEMS MOST PEOPLE ESCAPED SAFELY FROM THEIR FISHING VILLAGE! BUT SOME ARE IN TROUBLE! THEY NEED A RAFT!

THIS PIER WILL SERVE NICELY! CLIMB ON, FOLKS!


MEANWHILE, CAPTAIN MARVEL FOLLOWS A GIANT TIDAL WAVE FAR TO THE SOUTH!
WOW! THE BIGGEST TIDAL WAVE OF HISTORY!
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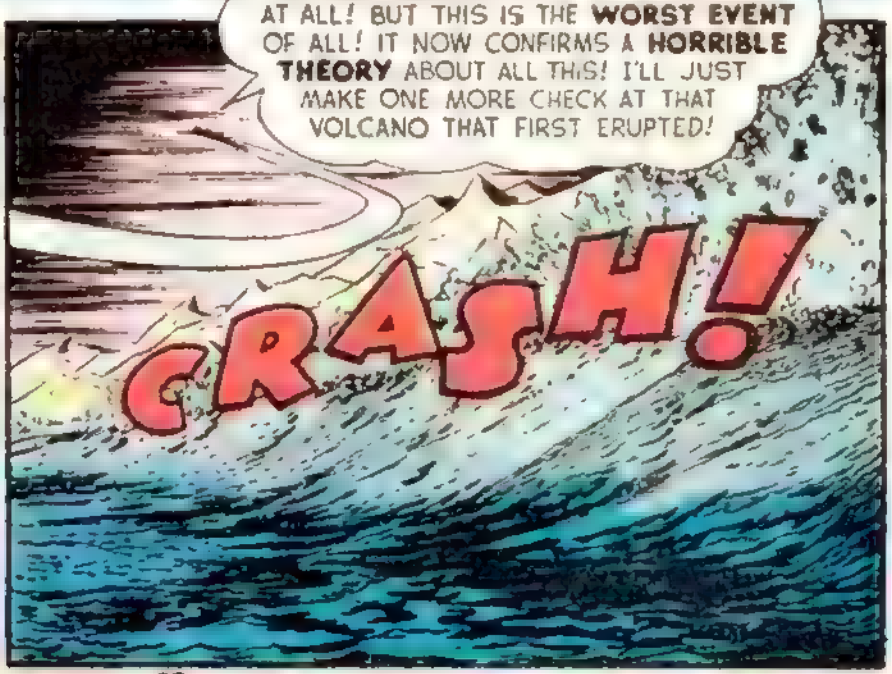
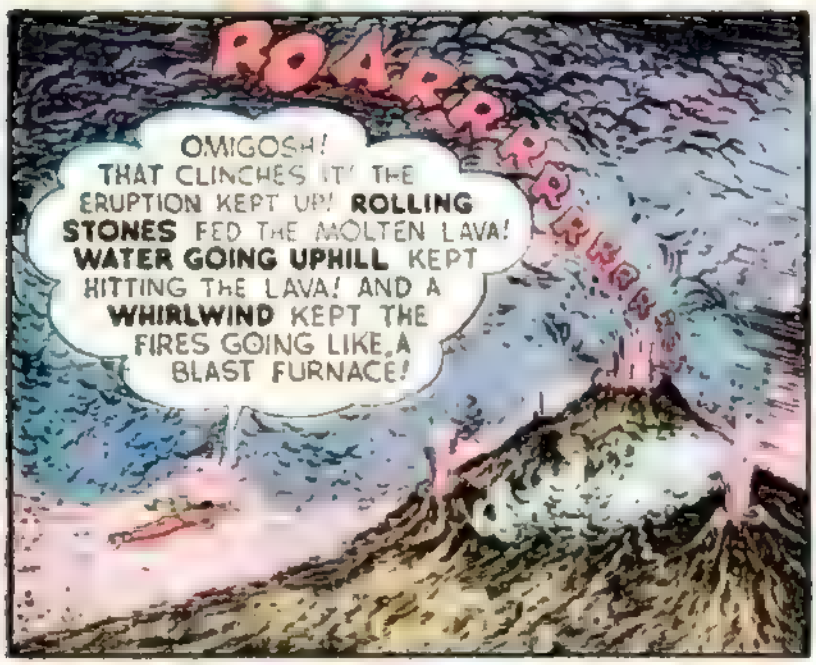
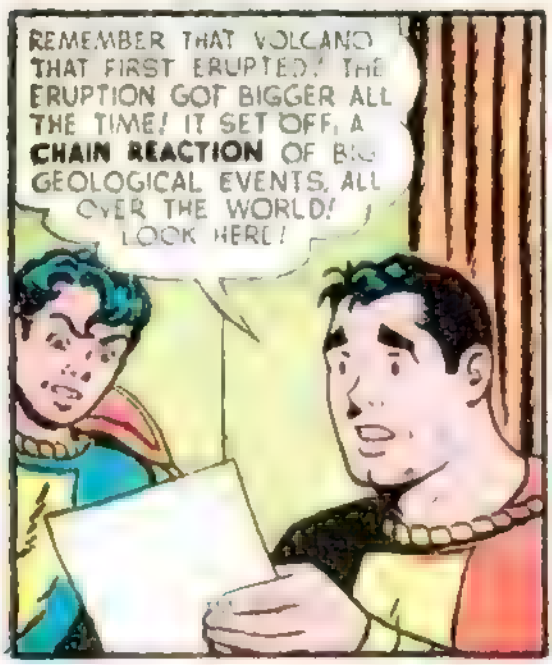
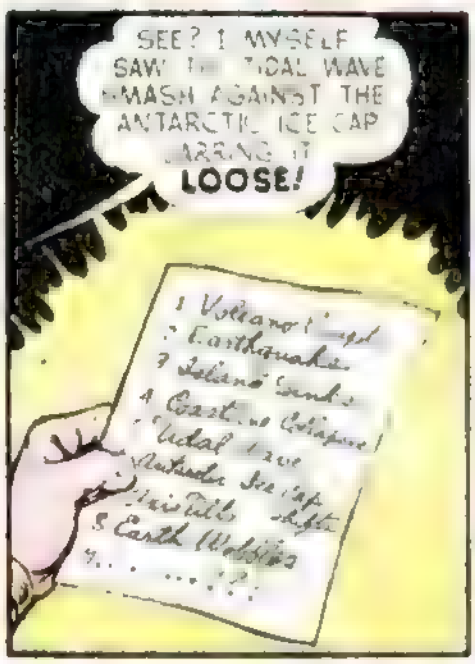

I CAN'T RESCUE ANYBODY HERE BECAUSE NOBODY LIVES IN ANTARCTICA AT ALL! BUT THIS IS THE WORST EVENT OF ALL! IT NOW CONFIRMS A HORRIBLE THEORY ABOUT ALL THIS! I'LL JUST MAKE ONE MORE CHECK AT THAT VOLCANO THAT FIRST ERUPTED!
CRASH!

SUPER-SPECTACULAR SHAZAM!


ROARRRRRRR
OMIGOSH! THAT CLINCHES IT! THE ERUPTION KEPT UP! ROLLING STONES FED THE MOLTEN LAVA! WATER GOING UPHILL KEPT HITTING THE LAVA! AND A WHIRLWIND KEPT THE FIRES GOING LIKE A BLAST FURNACE!

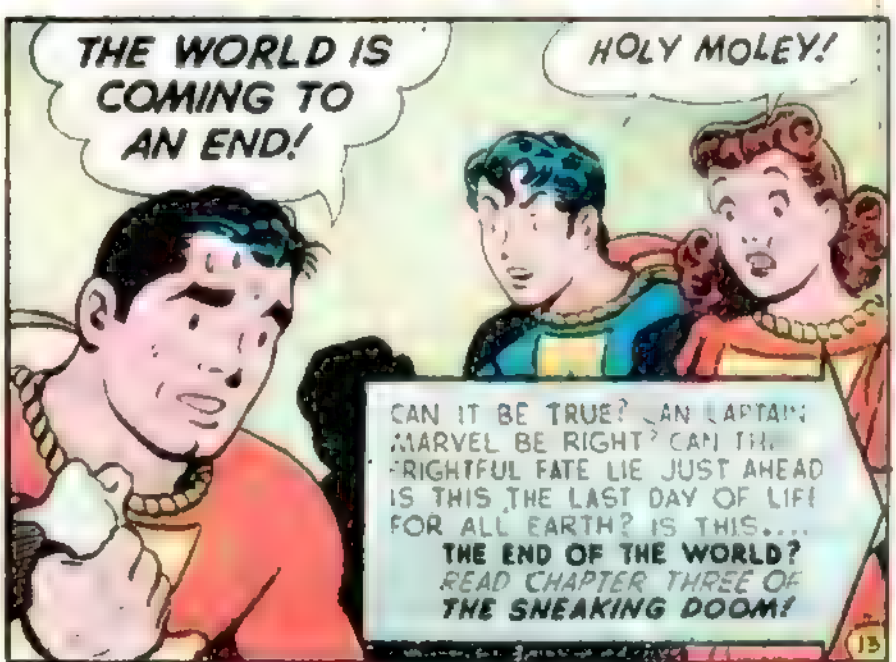
AND LATER AS THE MARVEL FAMILY MEETS!
CAPTAIN MARVEL! WHAT'S THE MATTER? YOUR FACE IS WHITE!
WHY, YOU LOOK SCARED!
I AM SCARED! I'M FRIGHTENED TO DEATH!


REMEMBER THAT VOLCANO THAT FIRST ERUPTED? THE ERUPTION GOT BIGGER ALL THE TIME! IT SET OFF A CHAIN REACTION OF BIG GEOLOGICAL EVENTS, ALL OVER THE WORLD! LOOK HERE!


SEE? I MYSELF SAW THE TIDAL WAVE SMASH AGAINST THE ANTARCTIC ICE CAP JARRING IT LOOSE!
1 Volcano
2 Earthquake
3 Tidal Wave
4 Geysers
5 Earth Wobbles

AS BILLIONS OF TONS OF ANTARCTICA ICE SHIFT EARTH'S AXIS WILL TILT! EARTH WILL WOBBLE IN ITS ORBIT! AND THEN... AND THEN...
CAPTAIN MARVEL! WHAT ARE YOU DRIVING AT?

THIS HAS BEEN GOING ON UNDER OUR NOSES FOR DAYS. EVERYBODY ALWAYS THOUGHT IT WOULD BE EASY TO SEE IT COMING! BUT THIS THING HAS SNEAKED UP ON US BEHIND OUR BACKS! NOBODY SUSPECTED THE TRUTH AT ALL WHILE IT CREPT UP LIKE A THIEF IN THE NIGHT! AND THE SIGNS POINT TO ONLY ONE AWFUL THING!


THE WORLD IS COMING TO AN END!
HOLY MOLEY!
CAN IT BE TRUE? CAN CAPTAIN MARVEL BE RIGHT? CAN THE FRIGHTFUL FATE LIE JUST AHEAD IS THIS THE LAST DAY OF LIFE FOR ALL EARTH? IS THIS.... THE END OF THE WORLD?
READ CHAPTER THREE OF THE SNEAKING DOOM!
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THE MARVEL FAMILY
BATTLES THE SNEAKING DOOM!
CHAPTER THREE
THE END OF THE WORLD!
YOU MUST BE WRONG, CAP!
YOU JUST HAVE TO BE WRONG!
NO! I'M NOT WRONG! IT ALL ADDS UP THE SAME WAY---TO THE SNEAK END OF THE WORLD! WHEN THE AXIS TILTS AND EARTH WOBBLES IN ITS ORBIT, GRAVITATIONAL STRESSES WILL BURST LOOSE! EARTH WILL CRACK IN HALF!
1 Volcano Erupts
2 Earthquake
3 Island Sinks
4 Coastline Collapses
5 Tidal Wave
6 Earth Tilts
7 Earth Wobbles
WORST OF ALL, IT'S TOO LATE TO STOP IT! IF WE HAD ONLY SUSPECTED IN THE BEGINNING, WE COULD HAVE STOPPED THAT VOLCANIC ERUPTION! BUT STEP BY STEP THE CHAIN REACTION OF UNDERGROUND DISASTERS WENT ON TO ITS HORRIBLE CLIMAX OF EARTH'S UTTER DESTRUCTION!
FOR ONCE IN THEIR BLAZING CAREER, THE THREE MEMBERS OF THE MARVEL FAMILY ALMOST GO MAD OVER THE FEARFUL REVELATION!
EARTH WILL CRACK IN HALF IN ABOUT ONE HOUR!
TICK! TICK! TICK!
AND TO THINK ALL THIS WAS CAUSED BY THOSE THREE FATES AND THEIR STUPID CONTEST!
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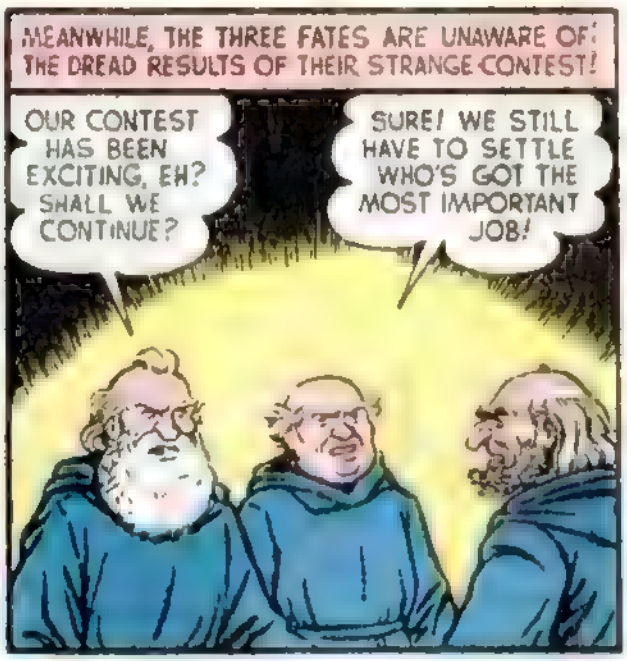
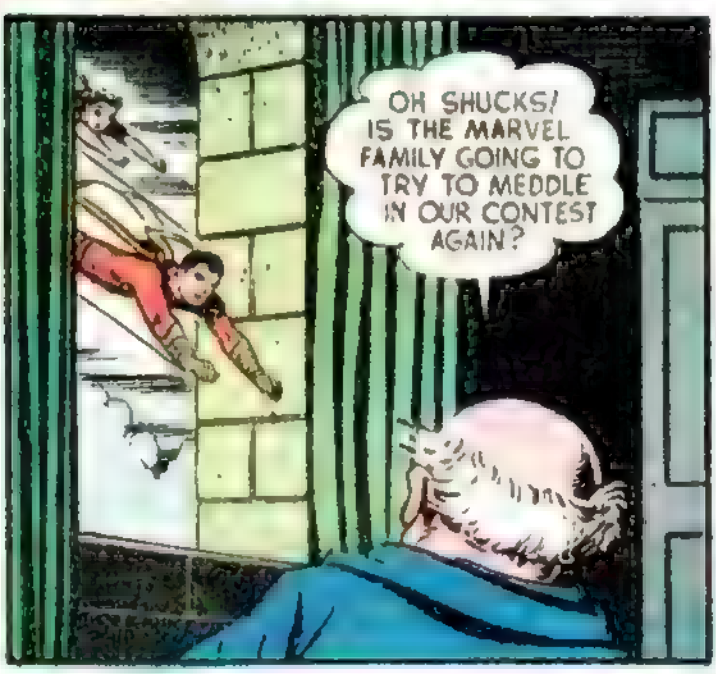
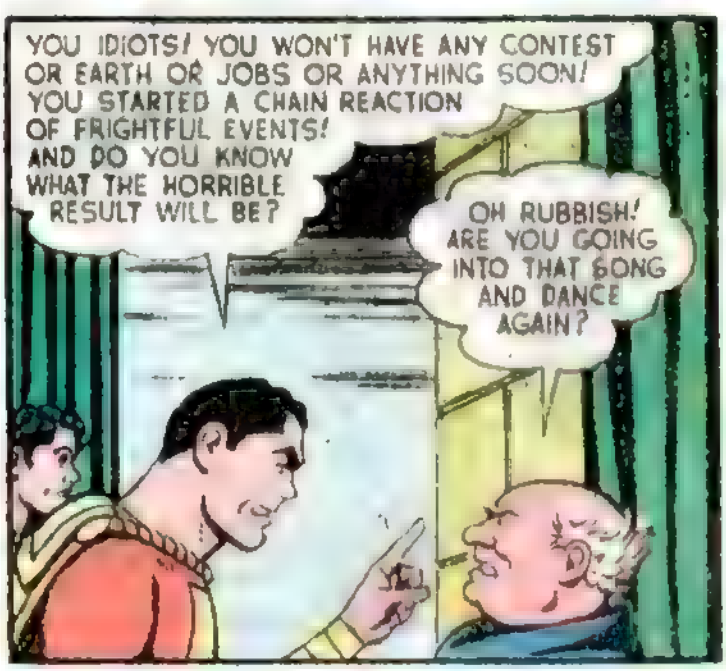
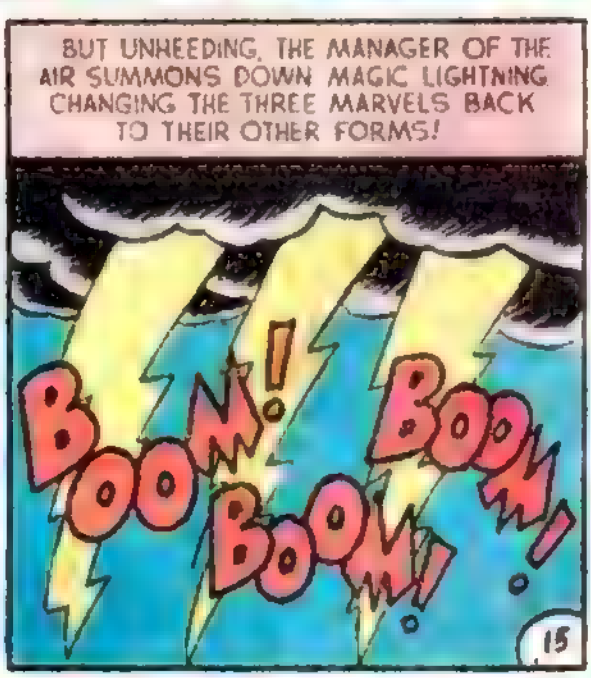
WHIZ
WAIT! THERE'S STILL A CHANCE! MAYBE THEY CAN SOMEHOW SAVE EARTH! COME ON!


MEANWHILE, THE THREE FATES ARE UNAWARE OF THE DREAD RESULTS OF THEIR STRANGE CONTEST!
OUR CONTEST HAS BEEN EXCITING, EH? SHALL WE CONTINUE?
SURE! WE STILL HAVE TO SETTLE WHO'S GOT THE MOST IMPORTANT JOB!


OH SHUCKS! IS THE MARVEL FAMILY GOING TO TRY TO MEDDLE IN OUR CONTEST AGAIN?


YOU IDIOTS! YOU WON'T HAVE ANY CONTEST OR EARTH OR JOBS OR ANYTHING SOON! YOU STARTED A CHAIN REACTION OF FRIGHTFUL EVENTS! AND DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE HORRIBLE RESULT WILL BE?
OH RUBBISH! ARE YOU GOING INTO THAT SONG AND DANCE AGAIN?

I'LL USE THE MAGIC LIGHTNING AGAIN AND SHUT YOU UP!
NO - NO!
YOU MUST LISTEN!
OOH !...!


BUT UNHEEDING, THE MANAGER OF THE AIR SUMMONS DOWN MAGIC LIGHTNING CHANGING THE THREE MARVELS BACK TO THEIR OTHER FORMS!
BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!
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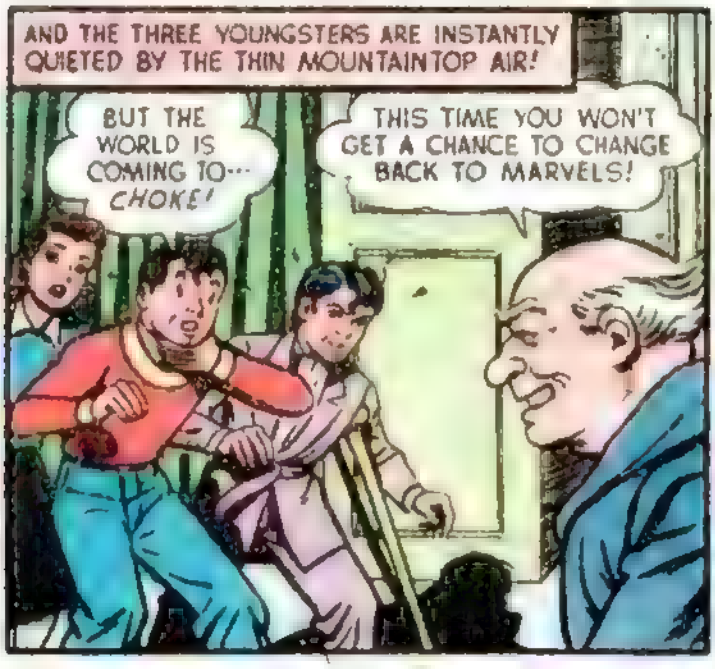
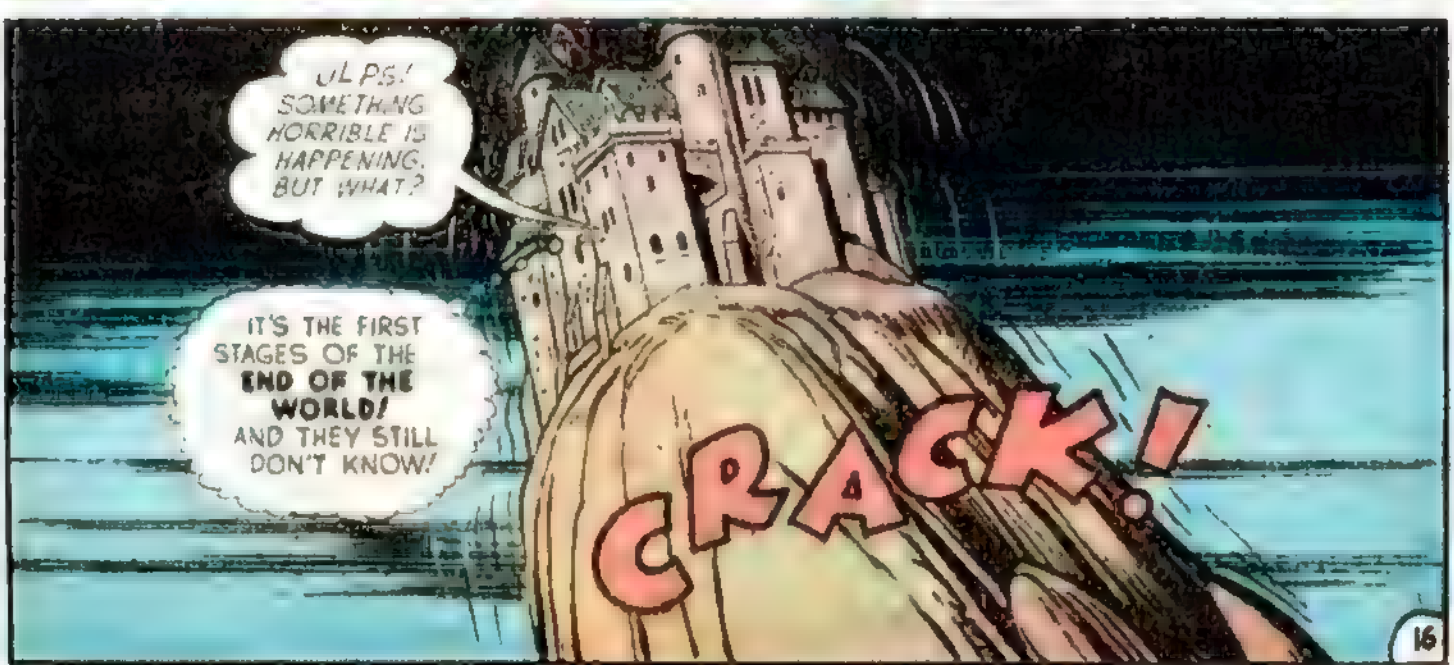

AND THE THREE YOUNGSTERS ARE INSTANTLY QUIETED BY THE THIN MOUNTAINTOP AIR!
BUT THE WORLD IS COMING TO··· CHOKE!
THIS TIME YOU WON'T GET A CHANCE TO CHANGE BACK TO MARVELS!

NEVER IN ALL THEIR LIVES HAVE BILLY AND MARY BATSON AND FREDDY FREEMAN BEEN IN A WORSE TRAP!
GASP!
THEY WON'T KILL US! NO! BUT THE END OF THE WORLD IS COMING! THE FATES ARE THE ONLY HOPE OF SAVING THE WORLD! BUT WE CAN'T TELL THEM THE STORY NOW! ALL IS LOST!
CHOKE!

SUDDENLY....
THE ANTARCTIC ICE SHIFTED AND THE AXIS IS TILTING! I CAN ALREADY FEEL EARTH WOBBLING IN ITS ORBIT! EARTH IS BUILDING UP TO THE CRACKING POINT!
RUMBLEEE

HEY! I FEEL DIZZY! IS THE FLOOR TIPPING? WHAT GOES ON?
IF I COULD ONLY TELL THEM!


ULP'S! SOMETHING HORRIBLE IS HAPPENING, BUT WHAT?
IT'S THE FIRST STAGES OF THE END OF THE WORLD! AND THEY STILL DON'T KNOW!
CRACK!
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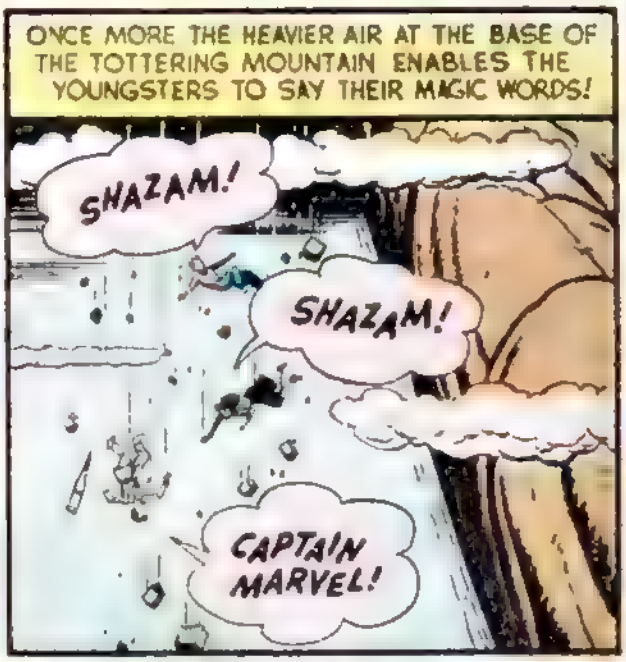
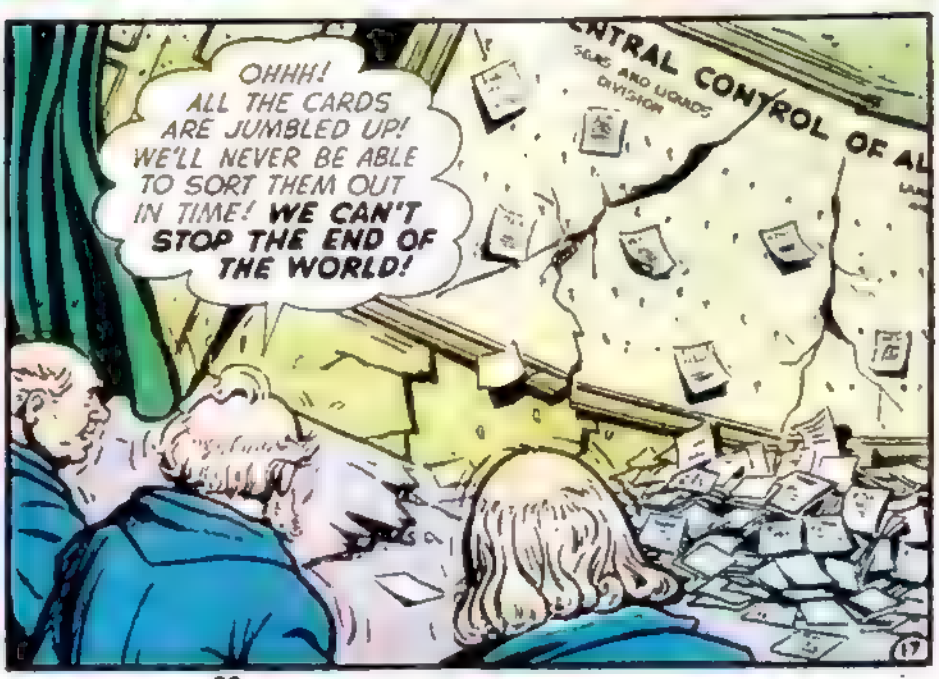
THE VIOLENT SHAKEUP RELEASES THE YOUNGSTERS FROM BONDAGE!
CRASH!
HERE WE GO AGAIN!
RUMBLE!


ONCE MORE THE HEAVIER AIR AT THE BASE OF THE TOTTERING MOUNTAIN ENABLES THE YOUNGSTERS TO SAY THEIR MAGIC WORDS!
SHAZAM!
SHAZAM!
CAPTAIN MARVEL!

MAGIC LIGHTNING FAITHFULLY BRINGS BACK THE MARVEL FAMILY!
BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

BUT IS IT TOO LATE TO SAVE THE WORLD?
THE WORLD IS COMING TO AN END!
WHAT? WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL US BEFORE?
HOLY MOLEY! AS IF WE DIDN'T TRY!

BUT HURRY! CAN YOU SAVE EARTH?
OF COURSE, OF COURSE! CALM DOWN! ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS USE OUR CONTROL CARDS! WE'LL STRAIGHTEN OUT THE LAND, SEA, AND AIR IN A JIFFY!


OHHH! ALL THE CARDS ARE JUMBLED UP! WE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO SORT THEM OUT IN TIME! WE CAN'T STOP THE END OF THE WORLD!
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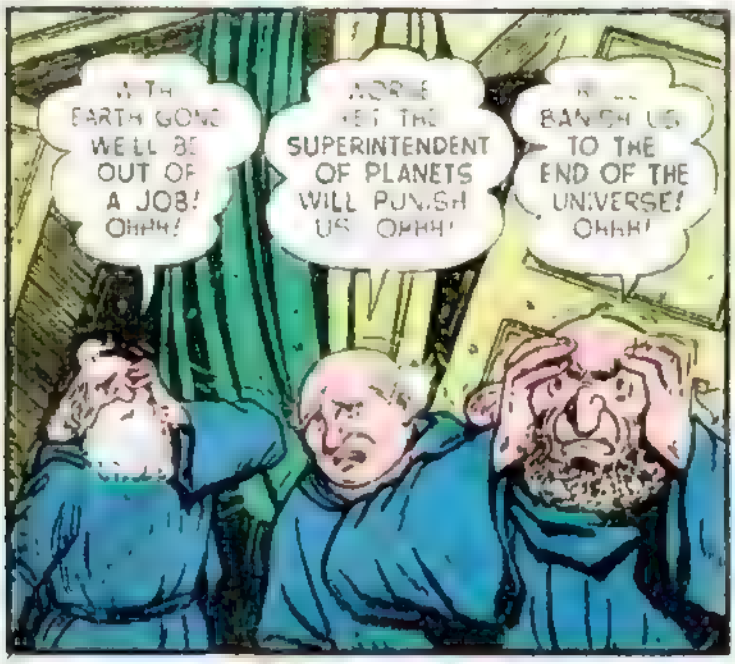
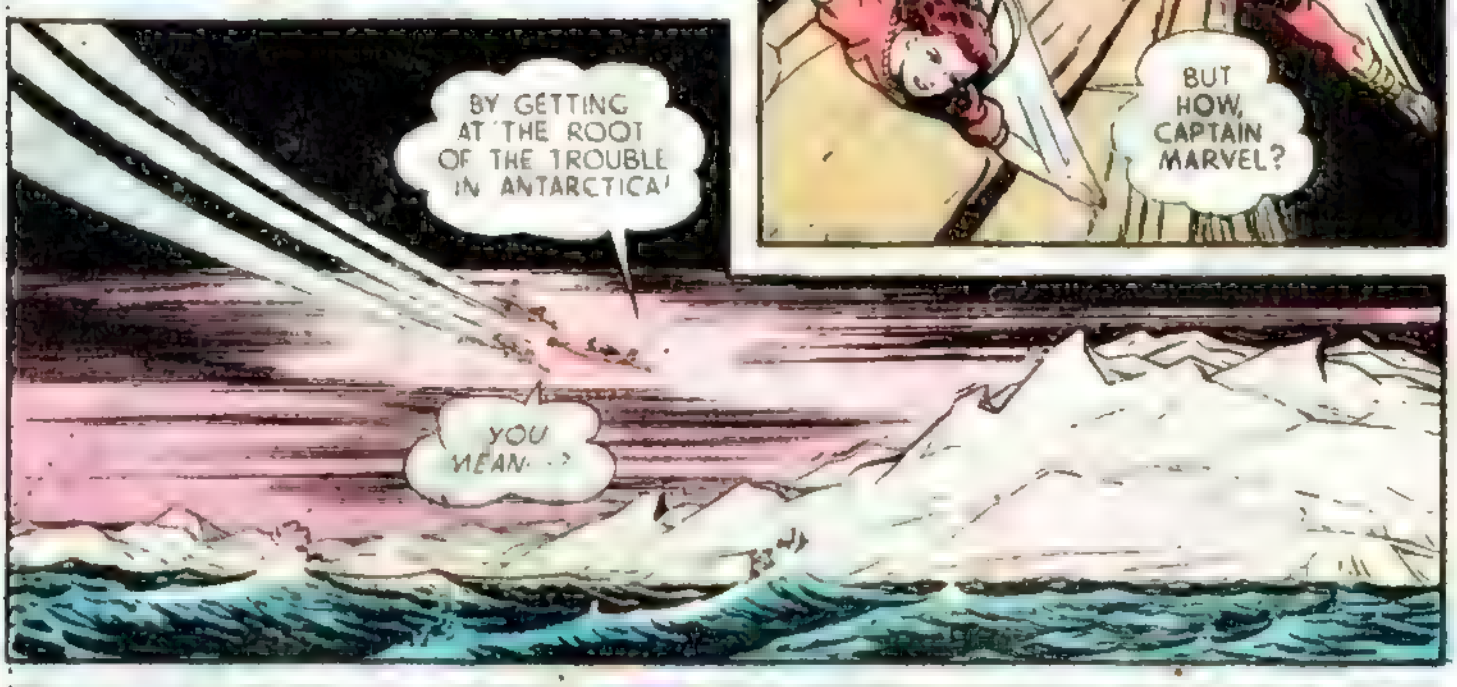
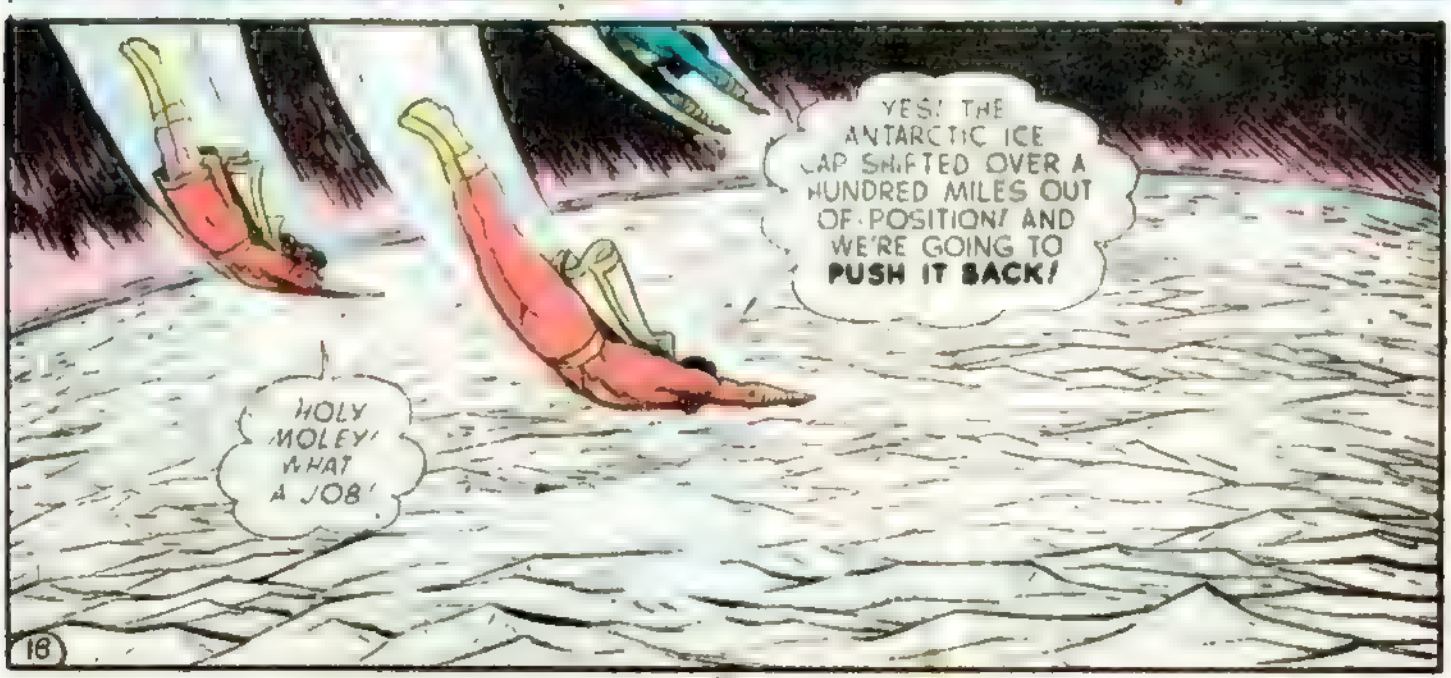

WITH EARTH GONE WE'LL BE OUT OF A JOB! OHHH!
AGREE! LET THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PLANETS WILL PUNISH US OHHH!
BANISH US TO THE END OF THE UNIVERSE! OHHH!

BUT THE MARVEL FAMILY WASTES NO TIME IN USELESS WHINING AND SOARS FORTH IN GRIM DETERMINATION!
COME ON! WE'VE GOT TO TRY SAVING EARTH OURSELVES!
BUT HOW, CAPTAIN MARVEL?


BY GETTING AT THE ROOT OF THE TROUBLE IN ANTARCTICA!
YOU MEAN...?


YES! THE ANTARCTIC ICE CAP SHIFTED OVER A HUNDRED MILES OUT OF POSITION! AND WE'RE GOING TO PUSH IT BACK!
HOLY MOLEY! WHAT A JOB!
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IT WON'T BE EASY! BILLIONS OF TONS OF ICE TO SHOVE! ALL TOGETHER NOW---HEAVE HO!
HEAVE HO! IS IT MOVING YET?
NOT YET! SHOVE HARDER! HEAVE HO!
WILL THE MARVEL FAMILY SUCCEED? CAN THEY PREVENT EARTH, ALREADY WOBBLING DANGEROUSLY LIKE A TOP, FROM CRACKING APART?
HEAVE HO!
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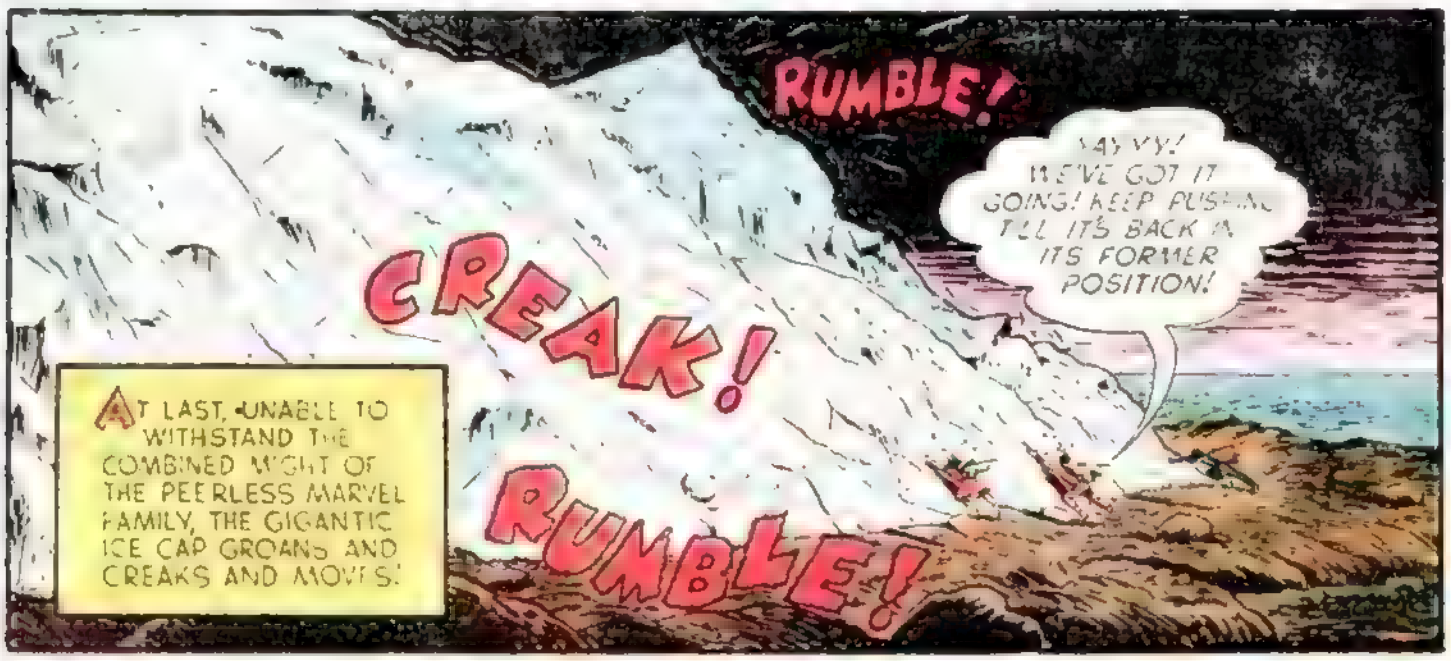
RUMBLE!
YAY VY! WE'VE GOT IT GOING! KEEP PUSHING TILL IT'S BACK IN ITS FORMER POSITION!
AT LAST, UNABLE TO WITHSTAND THE COMBINED WEIGHT OF THE PEERLESS MARVEL FAMILY, THE GIGANTIC ICE CAP GROANS AND CREAKS AND MOVES!
CREAK!
RUMBLE!

AND FINALLY...
WOW. WHAT A TRAIN.
BUT WE DID IT!
EARTH IS SAVED!

LATER, BACK AT THE CASTLE...
MANY THANKS, MARVEL FAMILY! YOU SAVED THE WORLD AND WE'RE SORTING OUR CONTROL CARDS! WE'LL SOON HAVE THE LAND, SEA, AND AIR UNDER CONTROL AGAIN!
THAT'S GOOD!
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BUT NO MORE ! OF YOUR CRAZY CONTESTS! TRYING TO PROVE WHETHER LAND, SEA OR AIR IS MORE IMPORTANT IS LIKE TRYING TO PROVE WHETHER EYES ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN EARS OR LEGS! THEY ARE ALL IMPORTANT!
Y-YES, CAPTAIN MARVEL! WE LEARNED OUR LESSON!
AND WE LEARNED A BIGGER LESSON, TOO---THAT THE BEST WAY TO RUN THE WORLD IS TO WORK IN FRIENDLY HARMONY!
GOOD! IN FACT THAT'S A LESSON EVERYBODY ON THIS EARTH SHOULD LEARN!
LATER
YES, FOLKS! I GUESS THAT APPLIES TO EVERYTHING ON EARTH! THE ONLY THING THAT CAN KEEP THE WORLD HANGING TOGETHER IS COOPERATION - THE OPPOSITE OF QUARRELING, BICKERING AND FIGHTING! SO LONG NOW!
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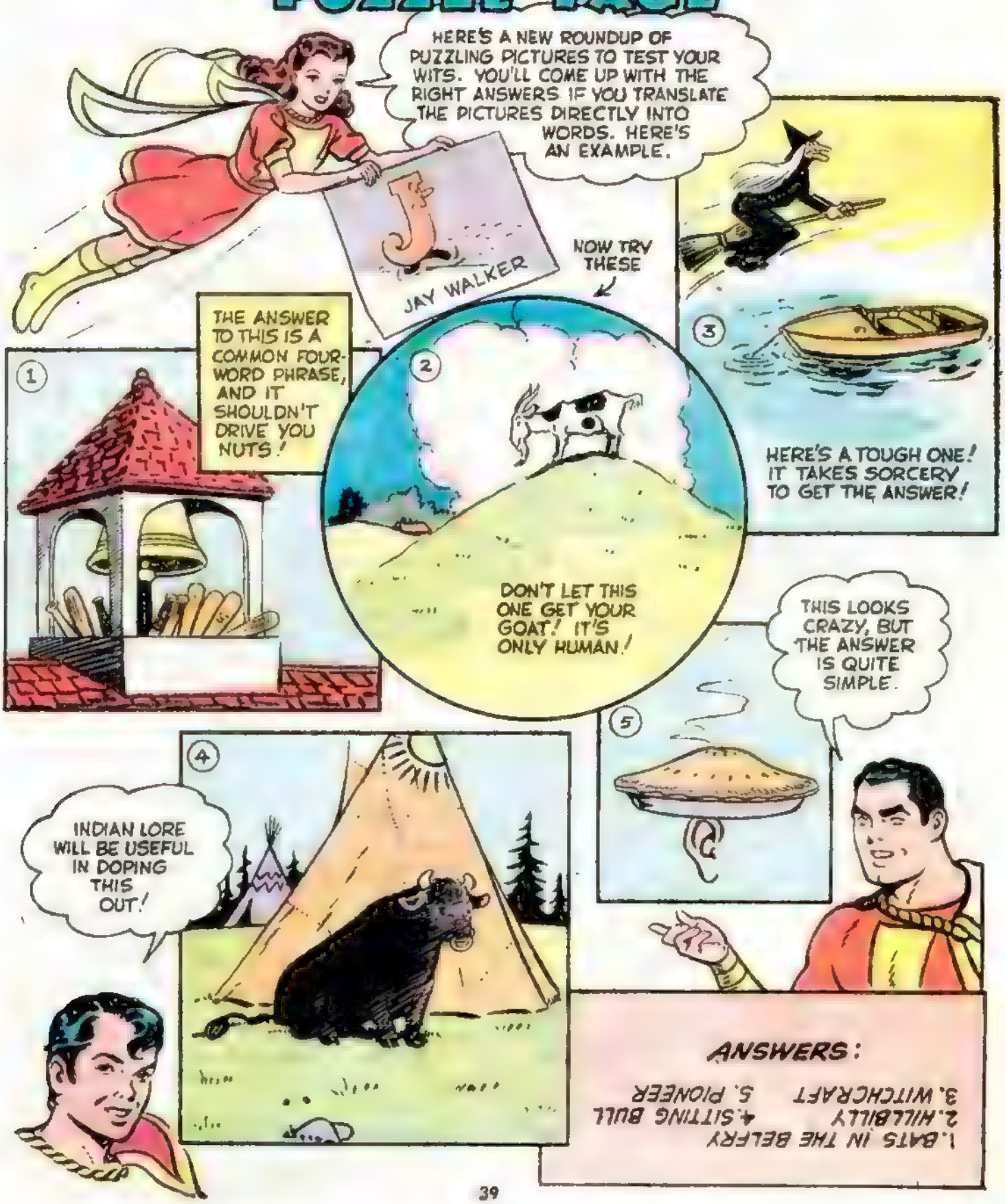
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JAY WALKER
NOW TRY THESE
1
THE ANSWER TO THIS IS A COMMON FOUR-WORD PHRASE, AND IT SHOULDN'T DRIVE YOU NUTS!
2
DON'T LET THIS ONE GET YOUR GOAT! IT'S ONLY HUMAN!
3
HERE'S A TOUGH ONE! IT TAKES SORCERY TO GET THE ANSWER!
4
INDIAN LORE WILL BE USEFUL IN DOPING THIS OUT!
5
THIS LOOKS CRAZY, BUT THE ANSWER IS QUITE SIMPLE.

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3. ATLAS

According to the ancient Greeks, the first gods to rule were dethroned by the **Titans**, a race of giants. **Cronus** ruled the **Titans**. But among the others was **Iapetus**, whose eldest son was **Atlas**. **Iapetus** was also the father of **Prometheus**, who formed men from clay and gave them fire. **Epimetheus**, the husband of **Pandora** (who opened a forbidden box and brought all ills into the world); and **Menoetius**, of whom we will speak later.

Atlas was anciently connected with the Moon, and was one of the major **Titans**. And according to the philosopher Plato, he was the founder of **Atlantis**, which took its name from him.

The story goes that **Atlas** was the first **King of Atlantis**, a huge continent in the **Atlantic Ocean** (which is also named for **Atlas**). The land was rich in minerals, including one no longer known in Plato's time, except by name—**orichalc**. There were many elephants in **Atlantis**: and bulls were sacrificed to **Poseidon**.

For many generations, the **Atlanteans** were good and prosperous; then they became degenerate and began to conquer other nations. Eventually, they were defeated on the battlefield by an ancient **Athenian** civilization which Plato says existed 9,000 years before his time (Plato lived about 427-347 B.C.). Then there were great earthquakes and floods which destroyed the prehistoric **Athens** and sank **Atlantis** beneath the ocean in a day and a night

When the younger gods, led by **Zeus**, revolted against the **Titans**, **Cronus** was too old to lead the defenders, so **Atlas** became the general. The fighting was fierce, and **Zeus** killed **Atlas'** brother **Menoetius** with a thunderbolt. The **Titans** were conquered, and exiled. But for their leader, **Atlas**, **Zeus** reserved a special punishment. He was condemned to hold the heavens on his shoulders forever afterward!

Yes, it was the **heavens**, not the **Earth**, that **Atlas** supported! However, later, when the Greeks had determined that the world was round, artists began to depict **Atlas** carrying the Earth-globe instead of the sky. There were also some early writers who described **Atlas** as the guardian of pillars which held up the heavens. And in later times, some claimed that **Atlas** was the father of astronomy, so that he only figuratively supported the sky.

Still, to most, **Atlas** was the **Titan** who carried the heavens on his shoulders, century after century, without sleeping, without letting his burden slip. Small wonder that he was picked to give **Captain Marvel** his tireless stamina!

When **Hercules** went to the west to seek the **Golden Apples of the Hesperides**, he was warned by **Prometheus**, whom he had rescued from being tormented by a giant vulture, not to get the apples himself. He must get **Atlas** to fetch them for him

Atlas gladly agreed to do this—provided **Hercules** would take his burden while he was gone. So **Hercules** took on the greatest task of his life—to hold the sky itself on his back! **Atlas** hurried to the **Garden of the Hesperides**, picked the three apples, and returned

"I'll deliver these golden apples to **King Eurystheus** myself," he told **Hercules**. "You just hold up the heavens a few months longer, while I'm gone."

This stunned the hero, for he was a mere mortal, not a god: how long could he continue to carry the sky without slipping? But he had an idea. "It's fine with me," he told **Atlas**. "But just hold the heavens a moment while I fix a pad for my head."

Atlas foolishly did so—and **Hercules** picked up the apples and walked off, laughing.

According to one story, another hero, **Perseus**, sought hospitality from **Atlas**, but was refused. "Be off," the **Titan** told him. **Perseus** was no **Hercules**, and dared not match his strength against that of **Atlas**. He therefore said, "I'll go, but here is a gift for you"—and produced the head of the **Gorgon Medusa**, whom he had killed. Anyone who looked at her face was turned to stone, and this happened to **Atlas**. Since he was the biggest of all beings, he was turned into a mountain: his hair and beard became trees, his arms and shoulders ridges, his head the peak, and his bones rocks. He was **Mount Atlas**, in North Africa (though some think the original **Mt. Atlas** was Teide, on the island of Teneriffe, in the Canary Islands).

Yet this story seems dubious, since **Perseus** was an ancestor of **Hercules**, and lived long before him! How could **Atlas** have been destroyed by **Perseus**, yet still have been alive to help his descendant?

Perhaps the **Gorgon's** head didn't quite work on **Atlas**. Some time ago, **Captain Marvel** saw the same head and was almost turned to stone. Yet he fought off the spell—and he did it with the stamina of **Atlas**!

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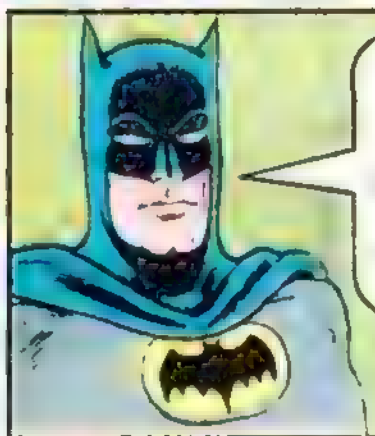

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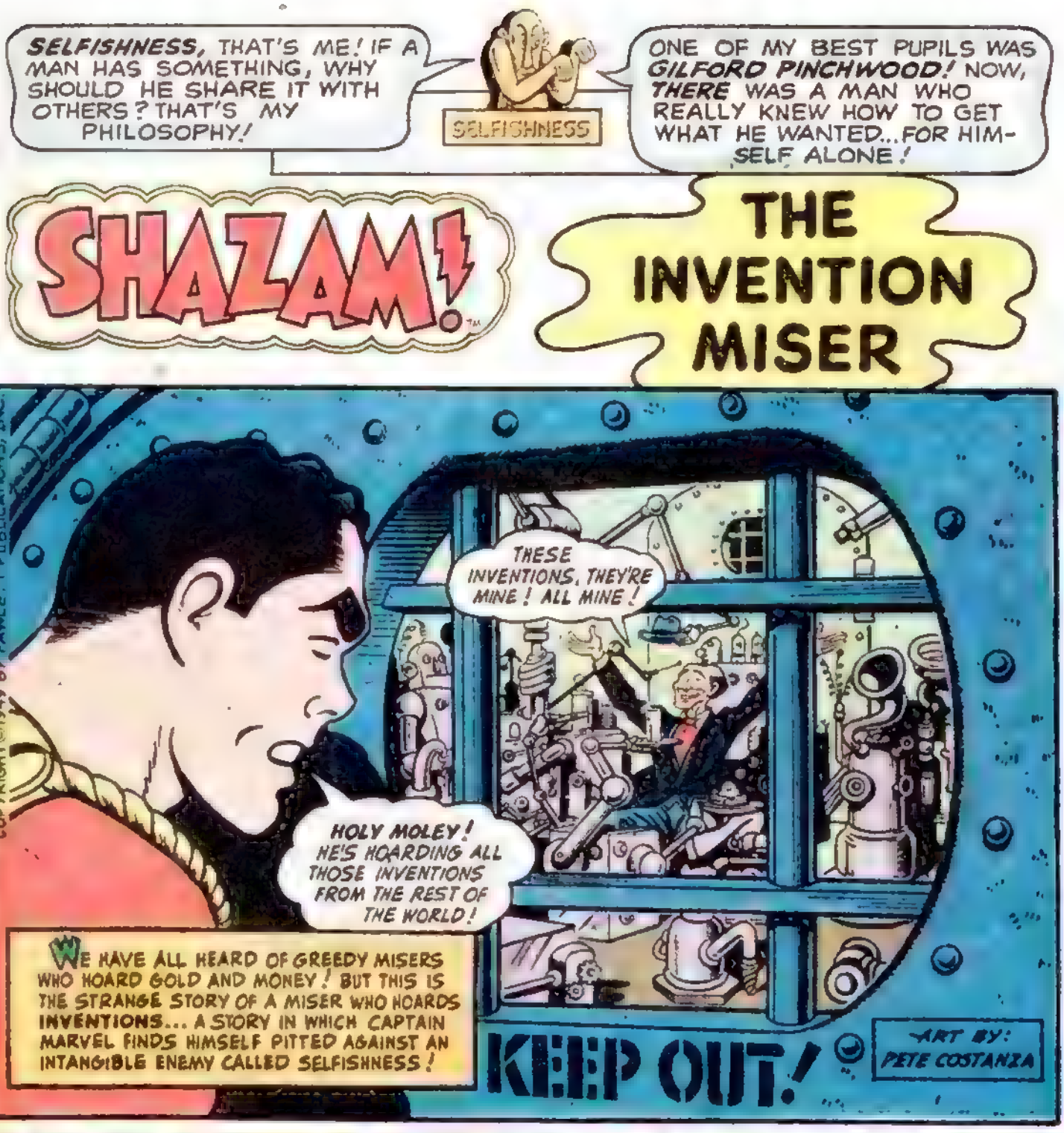
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THESE INVENTIONS, THEY'RE MINE! ALL MINE!
HOLY MOLEY! HE'S HOARDING ALL THOSE INVENTIONS FROM THE REST OF THE WORLD!
WE HAVE ALL HEARD OF GREEDY MISERS WHO HOARD GOLD AND MONEY! BUT THIS IS THE STRANGE STORY OF A MISER WHO HOARDS INVENTIONS... A STORY IN WHICH CAPTAIN MARVEL FINDS HIMSELF PITTED AGAINST AN INTANGIBLE ENEMY CALLED SELFISHNESS!
KEEP OUT!
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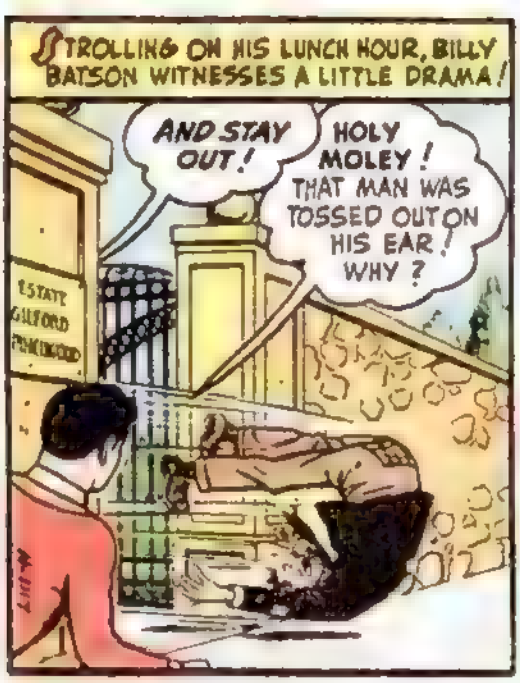
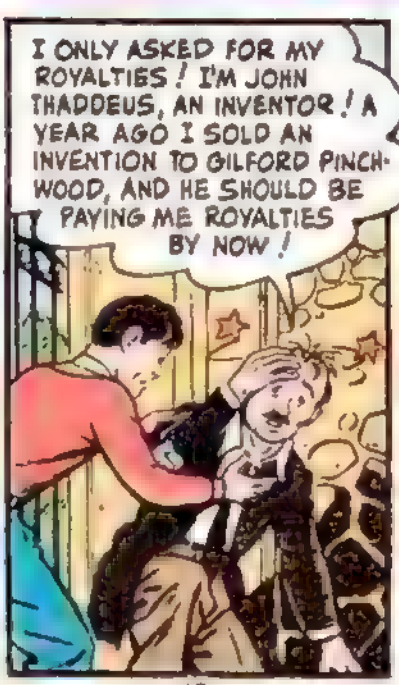
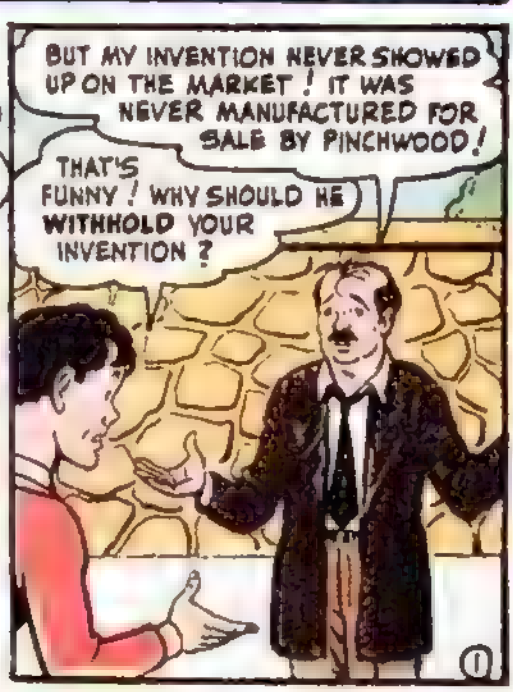

STROLLING ON HIS LUNCH HOUR, BILLY BATSON WITNESSES A LITTLE DRAMA!
AND STAY OUT!
HOLY MOLEY! THAT MAN WAS TOSSED OUT ON HIS EAR! WHY?
ESTATE GILFORD PINCHWOOD


I ONLY ASKED FOR MY ROYALTIES! I'M JOHN THADDEUS, AN INVENTOR! A YEAR AGO I SOLD AN INVENTION TO GILFORD PINCHWOOD, AND HE SHOULD BE PAYING ME ROYALTIES BY NOW!


BUT MY INVENTION NEVER SHOWED UP ON THE MARKET! IT WAS NEVER MANUFACTURED FOR SALE BY PINCHWOOD!
THAT'S FUNNY! WHY SHOULD HE WITHHOLD YOUR INVENTION?

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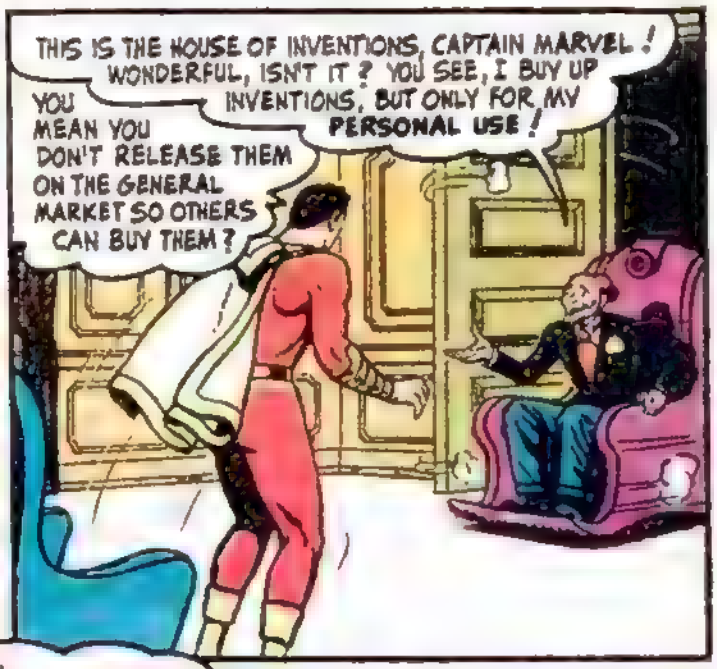
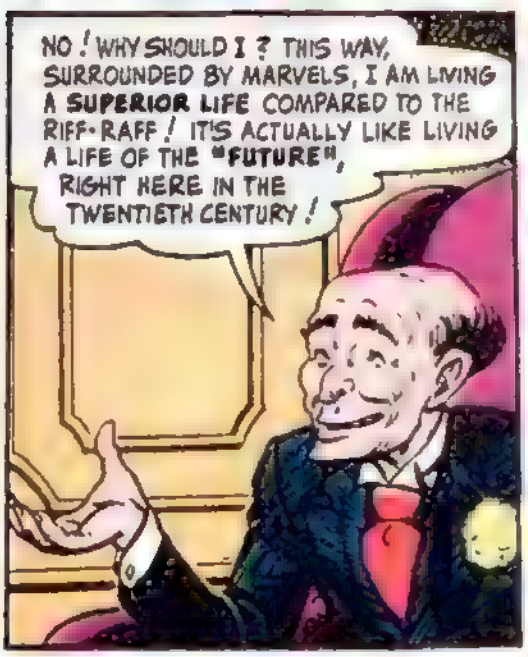
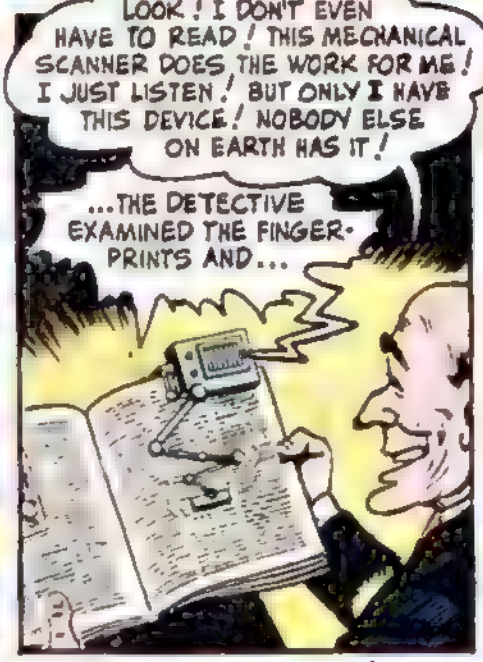
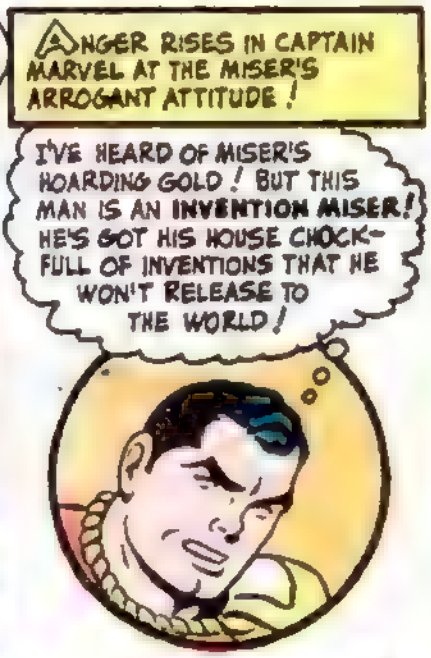
HE'S A CROOK!
I'LL INVESTIGATE AS CAPTAIN MARVEL! PINCHWOOD WON'T BE ABLE TO TRY ANY ROUGH STUFF THEN!
SHAZAM!
THE ANCIENT NAME SUMMONS DOWN THE THUNDEROUS MAGIC LIGHTNING WHICH CHANGES THE BOY INTO CAPTAIN MARVEL, THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL!
BOOM
WHAT A LUXURIOUS ESTATE! PINCHWOOD MUST BE VERY WEALTHY! HEY---???
HOLY MOLEY! YOU DON'T HAVE TO WALK TO THE FRONT DOOR! A MOVING PATHWAY TAKES YOU THERE!
ENTER!
THE DOOR OPENS BY ITSELF!
YOUR HAT AND COAT PLEASE, SIR?
EH? OH---UH---I HAVE NONE! ER---THANKS, ANYWAY!
THE MASTER WILL SEE YOU IN THE DRAWING ROOM, SIR!
HOLY MOLEY! A MOVING CHAIR! THIS IS THE CRAZIEST PLACE!
PUOP!
SWOOSH!

CAPTAIN MARVEL

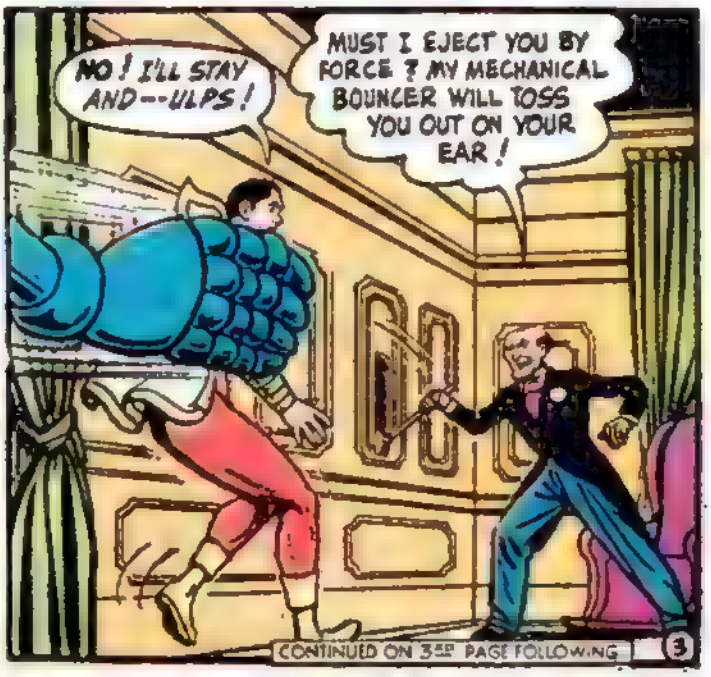

THIS IS THE HOUSE OF INVENTIONS, CAPTAIN MARVEL! WONDERFUL, ISN'T IT? YOU SEE, I BUY UP INVENTIONS, BUT ONLY FOR MY PERSONAL USE!
YOU MEAN YOU DON'T RELEASE THEM ON THE GENERAL MARKET SO OTHERS CAN BUY THEM?


NO! WHY SHOULD I? THIS WAY, SURROUNDED BY MARVELS, I AM LIVING A SUPERIOR LIFE COMPARED TO THE RIFF-RAFF! IT'S ACTUALLY LIKE LIVING A LIFE OF THE "FUTURE", RIGHT HERE IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY!


LOOK! I DON'T EVEN HAVE TO READ! THIS MECHANICAL SCANNER DOES THE WORK FOR ME! I JUST LISTEN! BUT ONLY I HAVE THIS DEVICE! NOBODY ELSE ON EARTH HAS IT!
...THE DETECTIVE EXAMINED THE FINGER-PRINTS AND...


ANGER RISES IN CAPTAIN MARVEL AT THE MISER'S ARROGANT ATTITUDE!
I'VE HEARD OF MISER'S HOARDING GOLD! BUT THIS MAN IS AN INVENTION MISER! HE'S GOT HIS HOUSE CHOCK-FULL OF INVENTIONS THAT HE WON'T RELEASE TO THE WORLD!

BUT THAT IS ALL SO SELFISH AND WRONG! YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO HOG ALL THESE INVENTIONS TO YOURSELF!
HO HUM! SKIP THE LECTURE, CAPTAIN MARVEL! I'LL HAVE TO ASK YOU TO LEAVE NOW!


NO! I'LL STAY AND--ULPS!
MUST I EJECT YOU BY FORCE? MY MECHANICAL BOUNCER WILL TOSS YOU OUT ON YOUR EAR!
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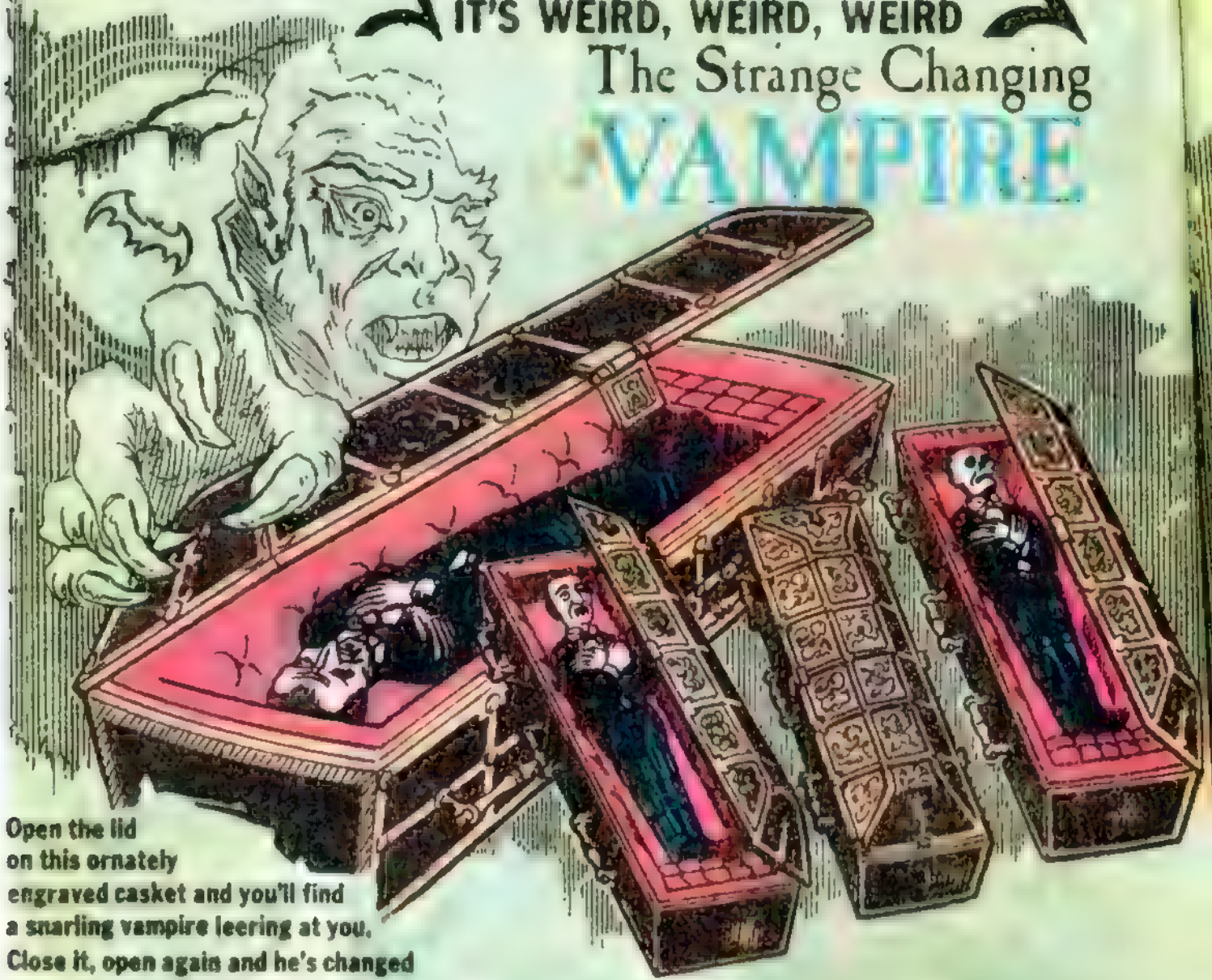

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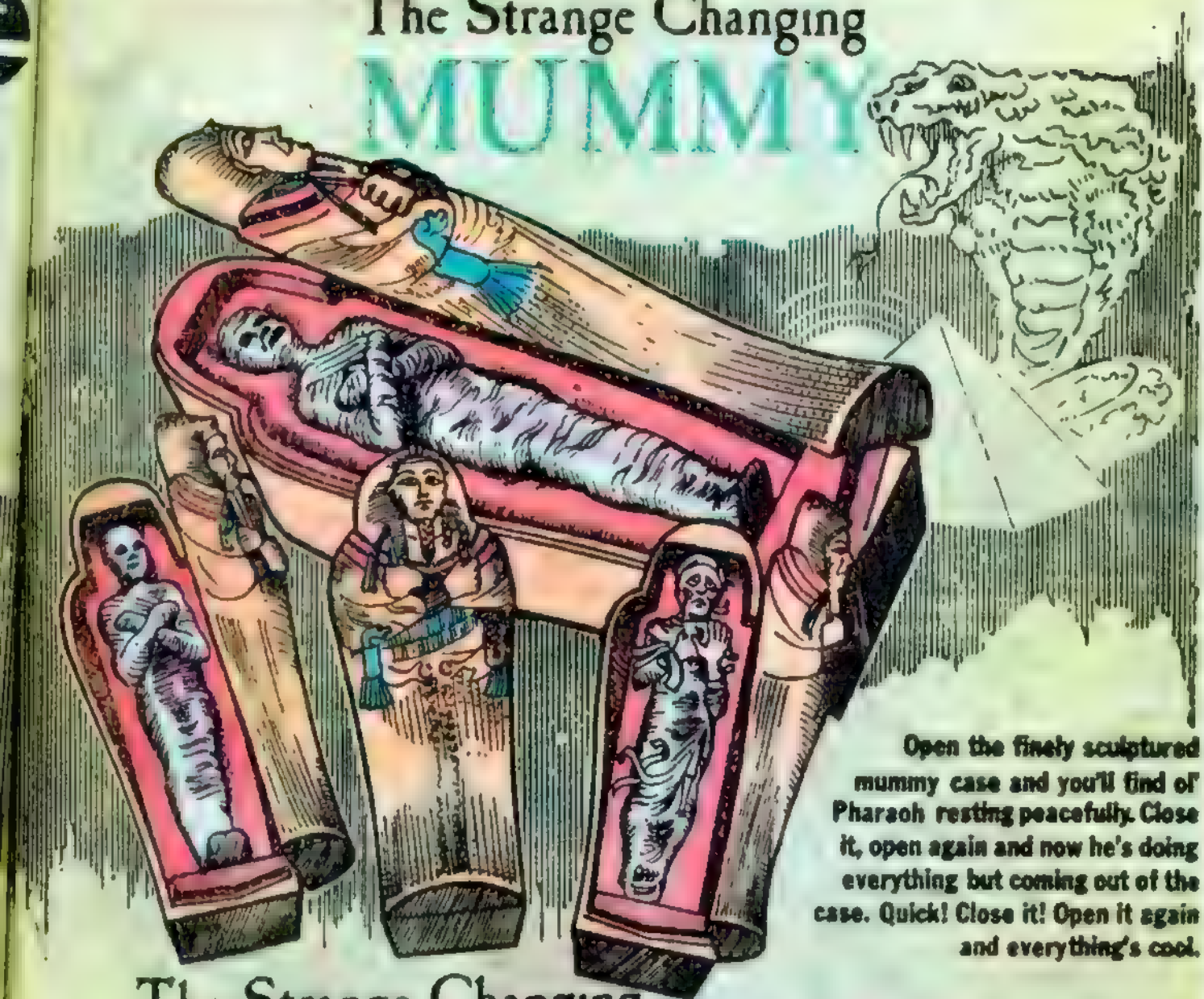

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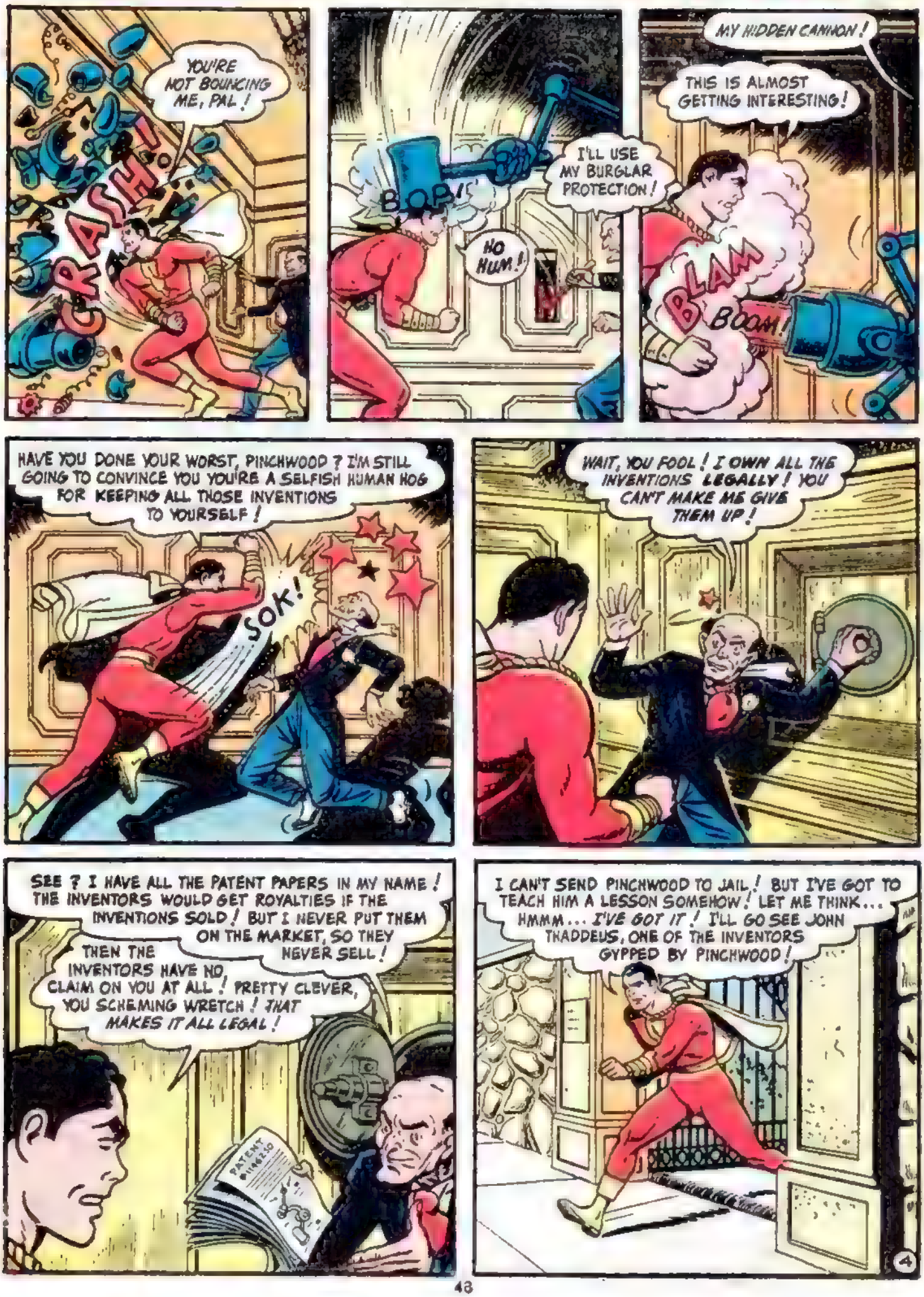
YOU'RE NOT BOUNCING ME, PAL!
CRASH!
BOP!
I'LL USE MY BURGLAR PROTECTION!
HO HUM!
MY HIDDEN CANNON!
THIS IS ALMOST GETTING INTERESTING!
BLAM
BOOM!
HAVE YOU DONE YOUR WORST, PINCHWOOD? I'M STILL GOING TO CONVINCE YOU YOU'RE A SELFISH HUMAN HOG FOR KEEPING ALL THOSE INVENTIONS TO YOURSELF!
SOK!
WAIT, YOU FOOL! I OWN ALL THE INVENTIONS LEGALLY! YOU CAN'T MAKE ME GIVE THEM UP!
SEE? I HAVE ALL THE PATENT PAPERS IN MY NAME! THE INVENTORS WOULD GET ROYALTIES IF THE INVENTIONS SOLD! BUT I NEVER PUT THEM ON THE MARKET, SO THEY NEVER SELL!
THEN THE INVENTORS HAVE NO CLAIM ON YOU AT ALL! PRETTY CLEVER, YOU SCHEMING WRETCH! THAT MAKES IT ALL LEGAL!
PATENT SIGNED
I CAN'T SEND PINCHWOOD TO JAIL! BUT I'VE GOT TO TEACH HIM A LESSON SOMEHOW! LET ME THINK... HMMM... I'VE GOT IT! I'LL GO SEE JOHN THADDEUS, ONE OF THE INVENTORS GYPPED BY PINCHWOOD!
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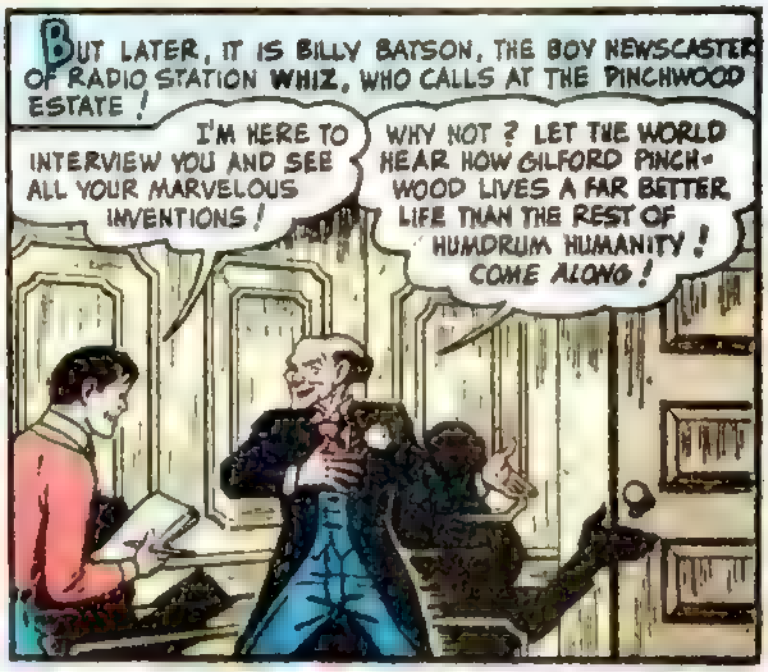
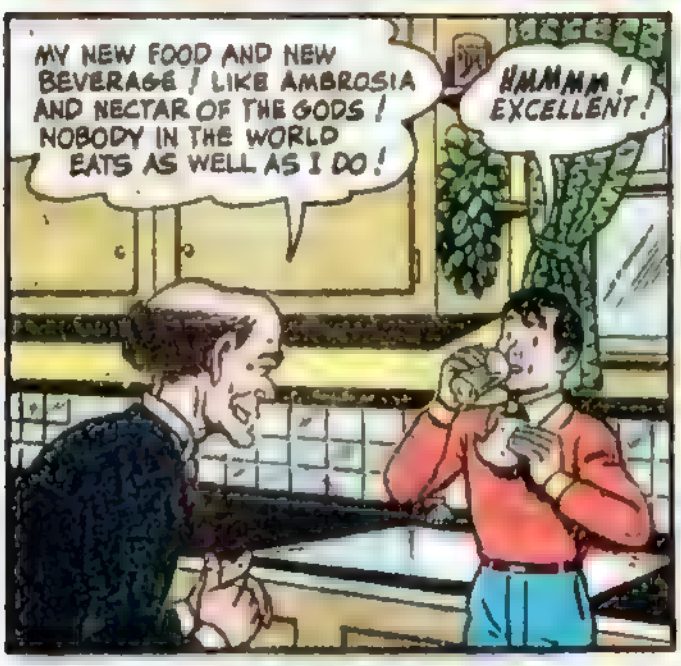
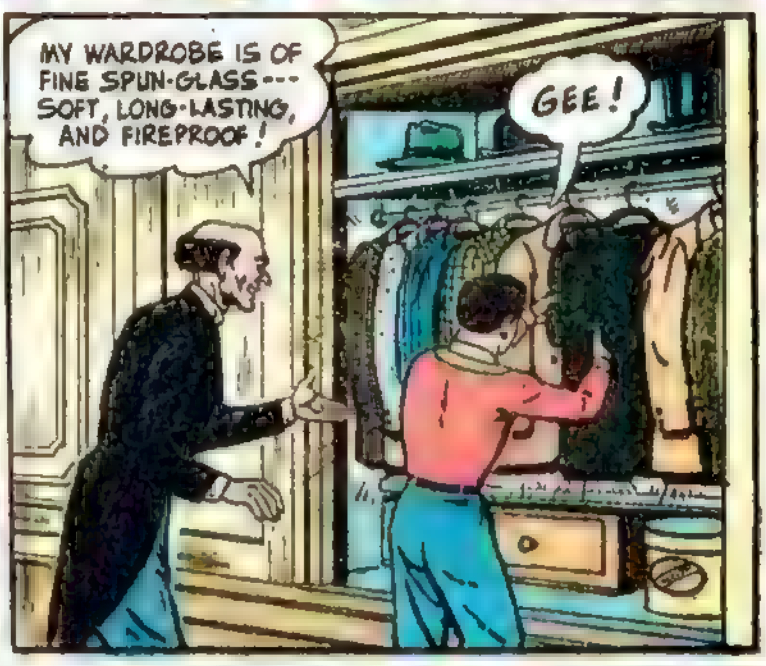
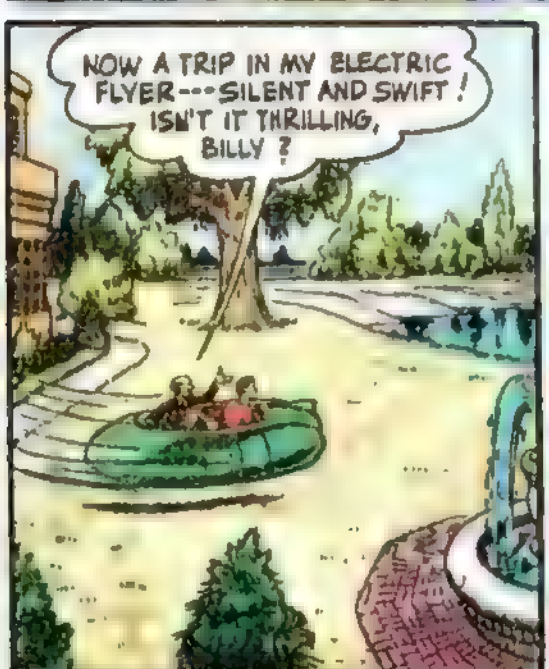
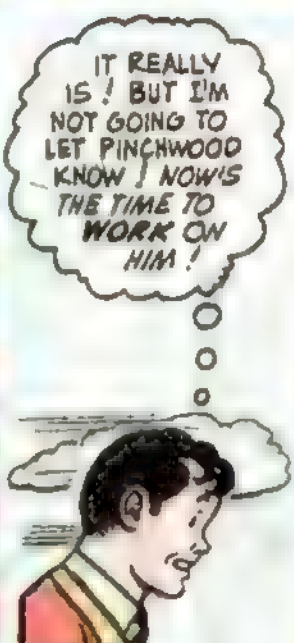
SOON...
NOW YOU MAKE UP THAT NEW INVENTION, ACCORDING TO MY INSTRUCTIONS! THEN BRING IT TO PINCHWOOD! MEANWHILE, I'LL PREPARE PINCHWOOD IN THE RIGHT WAY!
GOOD, CAPTAIN MARVEL!


BUT LATER, IT IS BILLY BATSON, THE BOY NEWSCASTER OF RADIO STATION WHIZ, WHO CALLS AT THE PINCHWOOD ESTATE!
I'M HERE TO INTERVIEW YOU AND SEE ALL YOUR MARVELOUS INVENTIONS!
WHY NOT? LET THE WORLD HEAR HOW GILFORD PINCHWOOD LIVES A FAR BETTER LIFE THAN THE REST OF HUMDRUM HUMANITY! COME ALONG!


MY NEW FOOD AND NEW BEVERAGE! LIKE AMBROSIA AND NECTAR OF THE GODS! NOBODY IN THE WORLD EATS AS WELL AS I DO!
HMMMM! EXCELLENT!


MY WARDROBE IS OF FINE SPUN-GLASS--- SOFT, LONG-LASTING, AND FIREPROOF!
GEE!


NOW A TRIP IN MY ELECTRIC FLYER---SILENT AND SWIFT! ISN'T IT THRILLING, BILLY?


IT REALLY IS! BUT I'M NOT GOING TO LET PINCHWOOD KNOW! NOW'S THE TIME TO WORK ON HIM!

OH, NOT BAD! BUT I KNOW AN INVENTION BETTER THAN THAT!
REALLY? WELL, I'M NOT DONE! I'VE GOT THE BEST INVENTIONS MONEY CAN BUY! TRY MY FLOATER SHOES NEXT!
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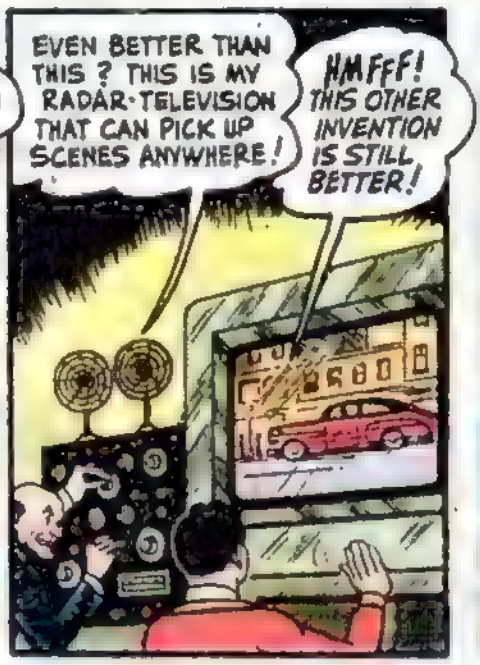
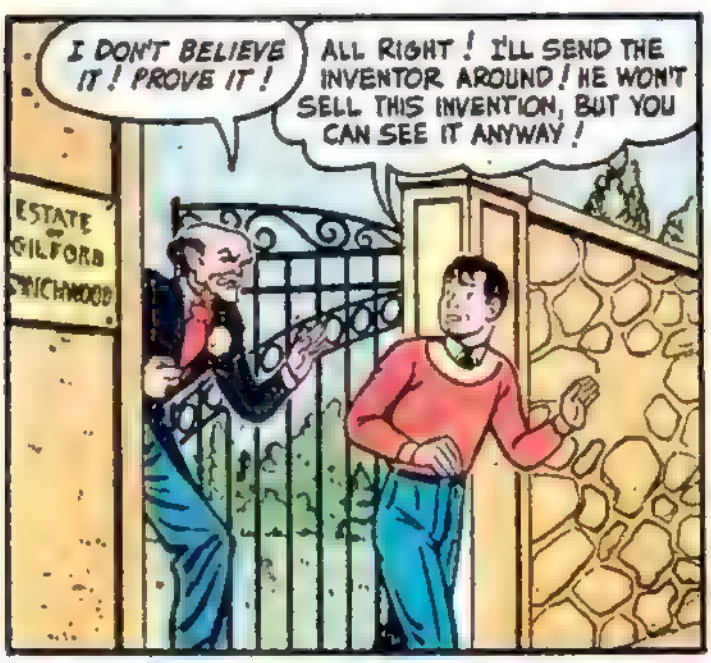
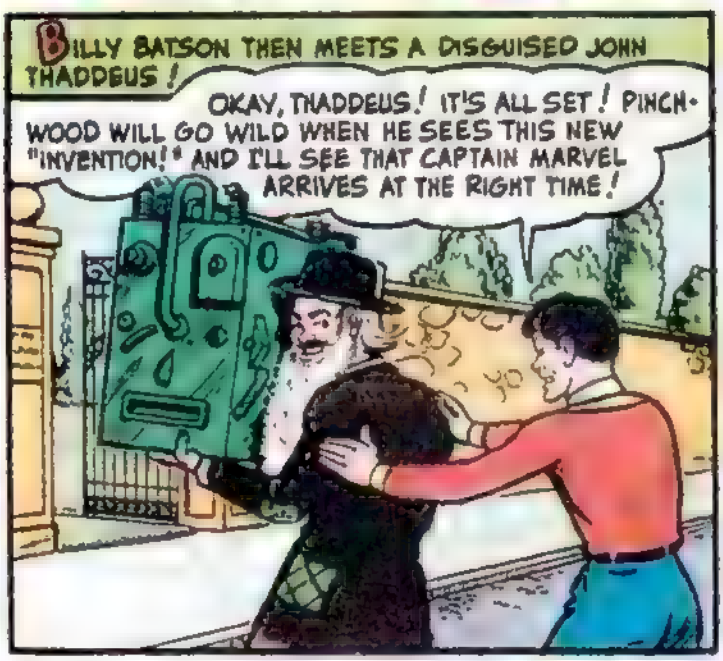
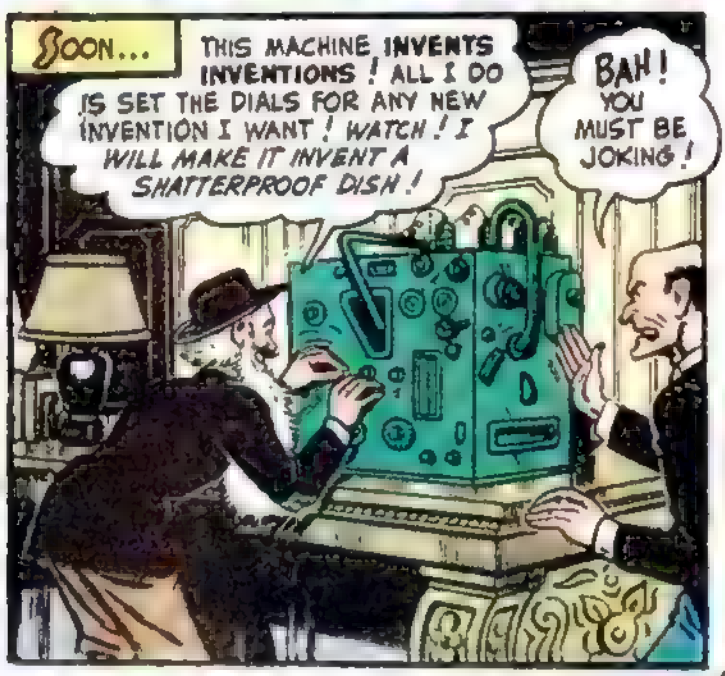
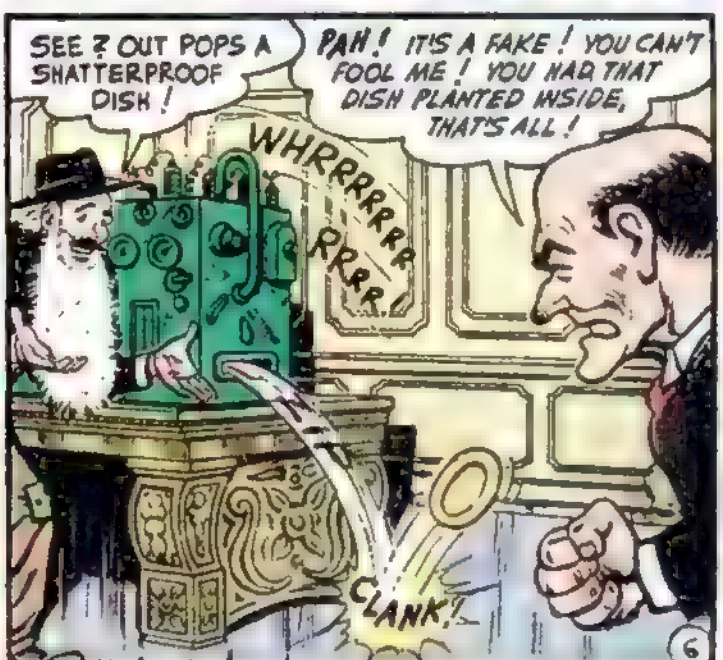

EVEN BETTER THAN THIS? THIS IS MY RADAR-TELEVISION THAT CAN PICK UP SCENES ANYWHERE!
HMFFF! THIS OTHER INVENTION IS STILL BETTER!


I DON'T BELIEVE IT! PROVE IT!
ALL RIGHT! I'LL SEND THE INVENTOR AROUND! HE WON'T SELL THIS INVENTION, BUT YOU CAN SEE IT ANYWAY!
ESTATE
GILFORD
SYCHWOOD


BILLY BATSON THEN MEETS A DISGUISED JOHN THADDEUS!
OKAY, THADDEUS! IT'S ALL SET! PINCHWOOD WILL GO WILD WHEN HE SEES THIS NEW "INVENTION!" AND I'LL SEE THAT CAPTAIN MARVEL ARRIVES AT THE RIGHT TIME!


SOON...
THIS MACHINE INVENTS INVENTIONS! ALL I DO IS SET THE DIALS FOR ANY NEW INVENTION I WANT! WATCH! I WILL MAKE IT INVENT A SHATTERPROOF DISH!
BAH! YOU MUST BE JOKING!


SEE? OUT POPS A SHATTERPROOF DISH!
PAH! IT'S A FAKE! YOU CAN'T FOOL ME! YOU HAD THAT DISH PLANTED INSIDE, THAT'S ALL!
WHRRRRRR RRR!
CLANK!
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BUT THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL RUSHES IN, AND...
STOP! DON'T SELL THAT INVENTION TO PINCHWOOD! HE MUSTN'T HAVE IT! DON'T LET HIM GET CONTROL OF IT!
WHAT? IF CAPTAIN MARVEL WANTS TO KEEP IT FROM ME, IT MUST BE GOOD!
UH---ER--- THAT THING! NO! IT'S A FAKE, A HUMBUG! I JUST DON'T WANT TO SEE YOU GET HOODWINKED! IT'S JUST---UH--- A PIECE OF JUNK, AND...
YOU CAN'T FOOL ME, CAPTAIN MARVEL!
I'VE GOT TO HAVE THAT INVENTION, INVENTOR! HOW MUCH?
MONEY CAN'T BUY IT!
I'VE GOT TO HAVE IT! HERE, I'LL TRADE YOU ALL MY OTHER INVENTIONS! THEY'RE WORTH MILLIONS!
WELL---I--- ALL RIGHT! IT'S A BARGAIN!
WHAT DO I CARE ABOUT THE OTHER INVENTIONS? WITH THIS MACHINE I CAN KEEP INVENTING NEW THINGS AND--- GULP! IT FELL APART!
I TOLD YOU IT WAS A PIECE OF JUNK, PINCHWOOD! IT WAS THE TRUTH!
CRASH!
CHAP!
IT WAS YOUR OWN GREED AND SELFISHNESS THAT MADE YOU FALL FOR THE TRICK! YOU TRADED AWAY ALL YOUR ILL-GOTTEN INVENTIONS! THE INVENTORS, LIKE JOHN THADDEUS, WILL GET THEM BACK SO THEY CAN REAP THEIR RIGHTFUL REWARD!
PATENT BAL
AND THAT, FOLKS, WAS THE END OF THE INVENTION MISER'S GREEDY HOARDING OF INVENTIONS! HE FOUND OUT THAT SELFISHNESS DOESN'T PAY!
THE END.
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YAWN!! I'M LAZINESS... AND I DON'T WANT TO BREAK MY SIESTA TO TELL A STORY AT ALL! BUT SINCE I MUST...
LAZINESS
...I'LL MAKE IT SHORT! IT'S ABOUT ONE OF THE LAZIEST GUYS I EVER KNEW! DESPISED WORK, AS I DO... AND HE WAS A GENIE!
Capt. MARVEL JR.
and THE LAZY GENIE
ULP! I COMMAND YOU TO SAVE ME FROM CAPTAIN MARVEL JR!
WHO, ME? YAWNNN! I'M TOO TIRED!
KRAK
ART BY: BUD THOMPSON
ANOTHER EVENING ENDS, AND FREDDY FREEMAN HEADS BACK TOWARD MRS. WAGNER'S BOARDINGHOUSE! THEN...
OHHH!
HOLY MOLEY! SOMETHING'S WRONG IN THAT ANTIQUE SHOP!
CAPTAIN MARVEL!
WHENEVER FREDDY FREEMAN, CRIPPLED NEWSBOY, SPEAKS THE NAME OF POWER, HE IS ANSWERED BY MAGIC LIGHTNING THAT INSTANTLY CHANGES HIM INTO THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST BOY--- CAPTAIN MARVEL JR!
BOOM
A ROBBERY! THEY'VE SLUGGED THE OWNER AND ARE STEALING VALUABLE ANTIQUES!
OH! OH! WE GOT A VISITOR, SLICKER SAM!
KRASH
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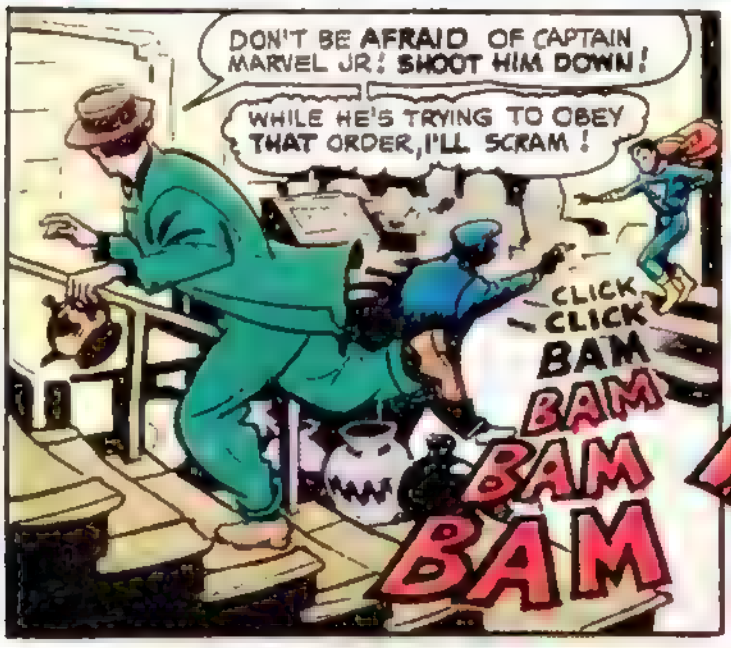
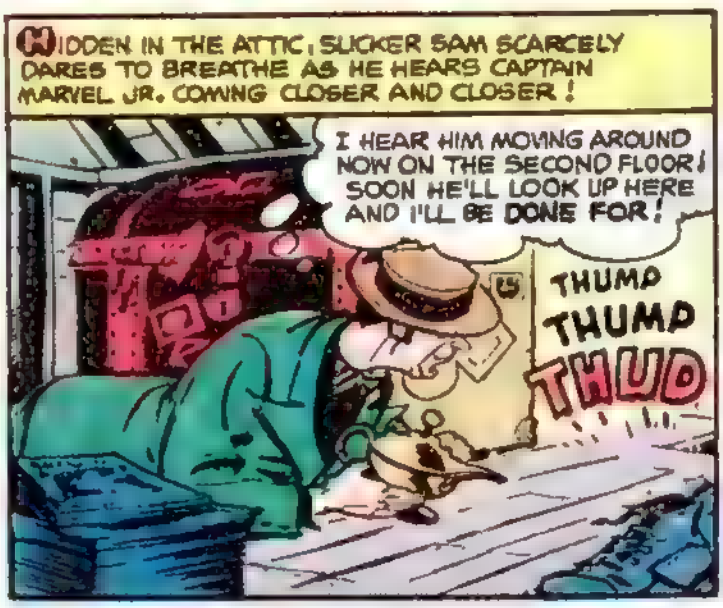
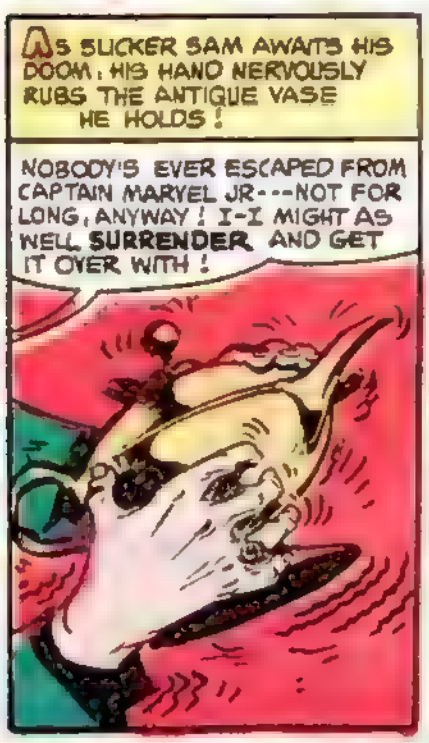
CAPTAIN MARVEL JR.


DON'T BE AFRAID OF CAPTAIN MARVEL JR.! SHOOT HIM DOWN!
WHILE HE'S TRYING TO OBEY THAT ORDER, I'LL SCRAM!
CLICK CLICK
BAM BAM BAM BAM


HIDDEN IN THE ATTIC, SLICKER SAM SCARCELY DARES TO BREATHE AS HE HEARS CAPTAIN MARVEL JR. COMING CLOSER AND CLOSER!
I HEAR HIM MOVING AROUND NOW ON THE SECOND FLOOR! SOON HE'LL LOOK UP HERE AND I'LL BE DONE FOR!
THUMP THUMP THUD


AS SLICKER SAM AWAITS HIS DOOM, HIS HAND NERVOUSLY RUBS THE ANTIQUE VASE HE HOLDS!
NOBODY'S EVER ESCAPED FROM CAPTAIN MARVEL JR---NOT FOR LONG, ANYWAY! I-I MIGHT AS WELL SURRENDER AND GET IT OVER WITH!

OH, YES! THAT'S A MAGIC LAMP YOU'RE HOLDING! BUT DON'T GET ANY IDEAS! I'M NOT A VERY GOOD GENIE! AND I HATE HARD WORK!
SAY! I SUMMONED YOU OUT OF THE LAMP! YOU'VE GOT TO DO ANYTHING I SAY!
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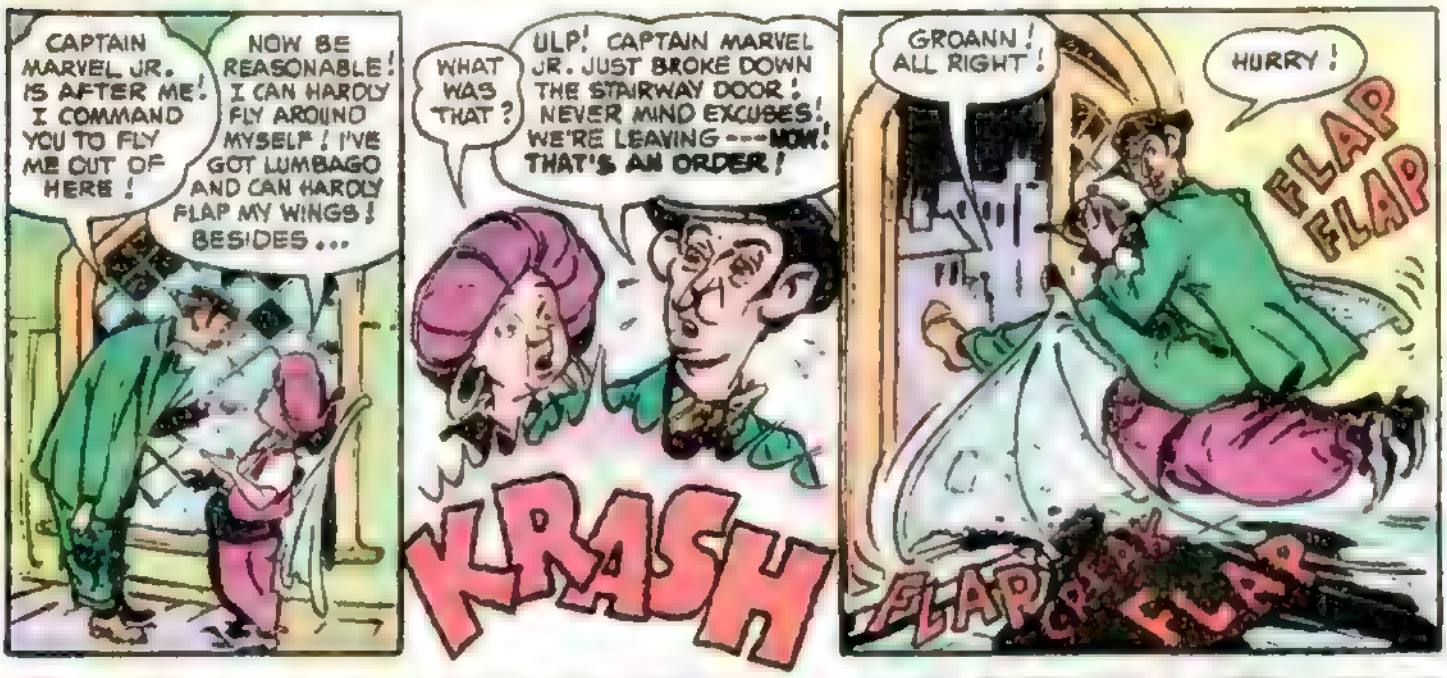
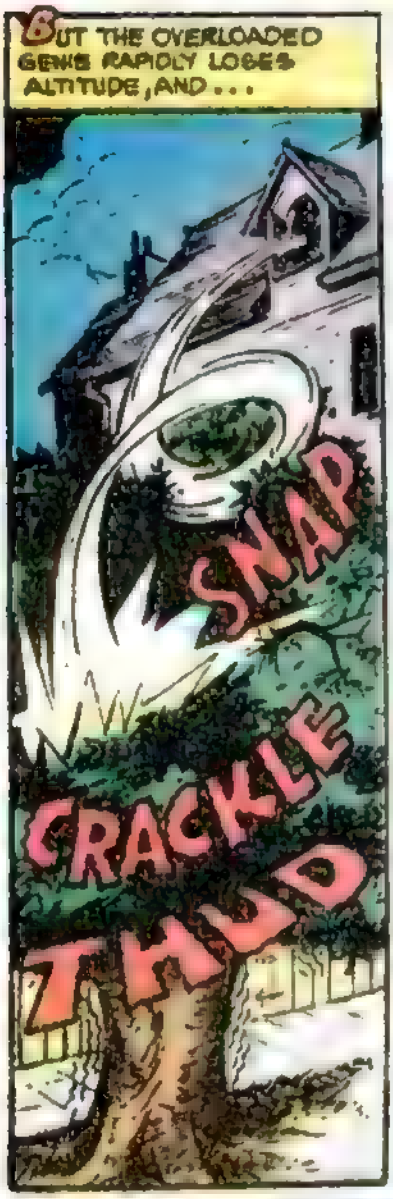
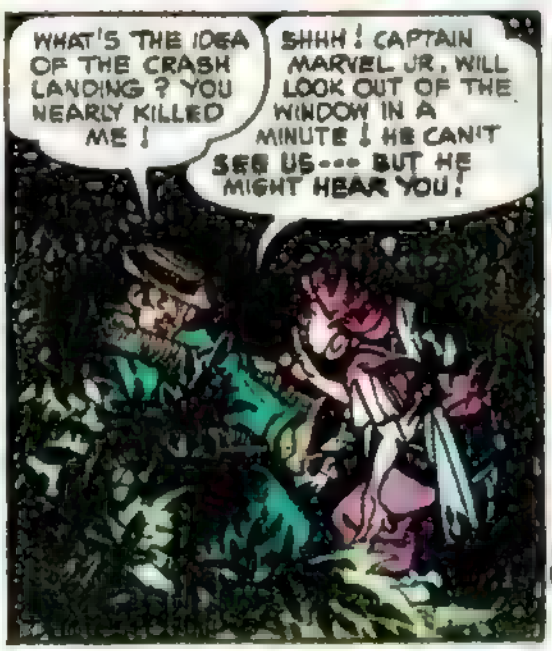
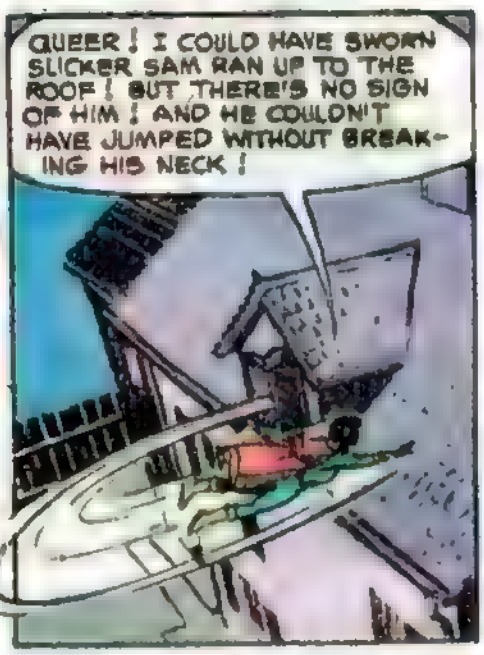
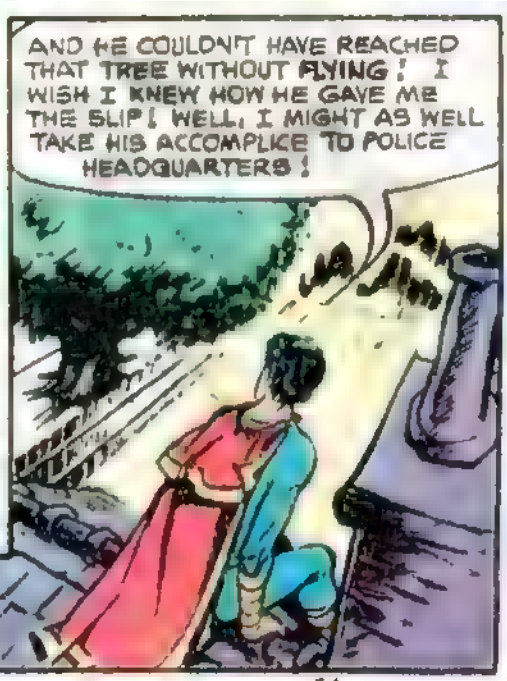

CAPTAIN MARVEL JR. IS AFTER ME! I COMMAND YOU TO FLY ME OUT OF HERE!
NOW BE REASONABLE! I CAN HARDLY FLY AROUND MYSELF! I'VE GOT LUMBAGO AND CAN HARDLY FLAP MY WINGS! BESIDES...
WHAT WAS THAT?
ULP! CAPTAIN MARVEL JR. JUST BROKE DOWN THE STAIRWAY DOOR! NEVER MIND EXCUSES! WE'RE LEAVING---NOW! THAT'S AN ORDER!
KRASH
GROANN! ALL RIGHT!
HURRY!
FLAP FLAP
FLAP FLAP



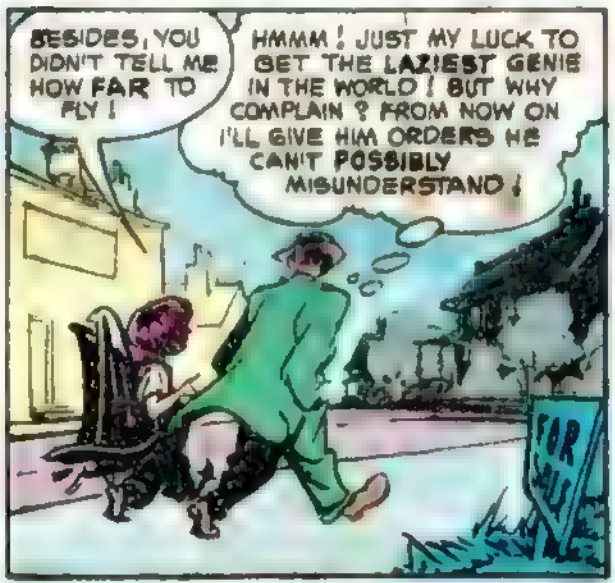

WHAT'S THE IDEA OF THE CRASH LANDING? YOU NEARLY KILLED ME!
SHHH! CAPTAIN MARVEL JR. WILL LOOK OUT OF THE WINDOW IN A MINUTE! HE CAN'T SEE US--- BUT HE MIGHT HEAR YOU!

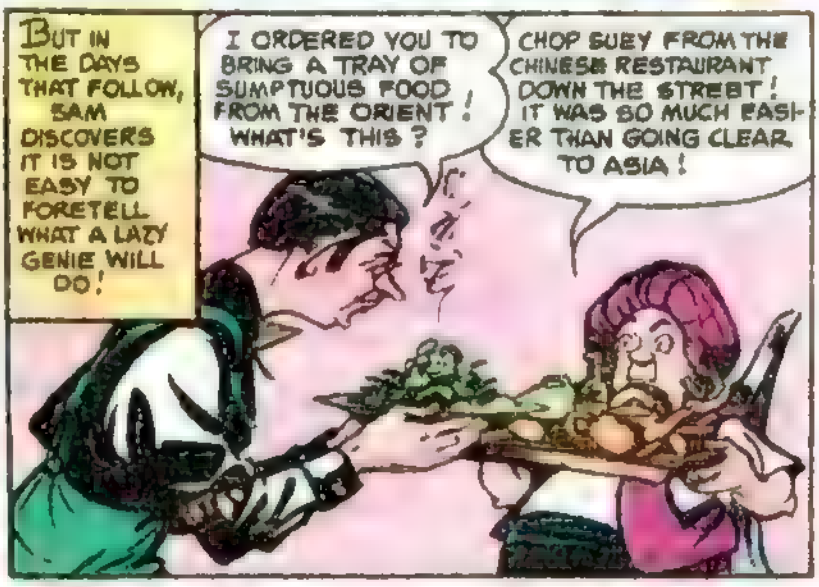

QUEER! I COULD HAVE SWORN SLICKER SAM RAN UP TO THE ROOF! BUT THERE'S NO SIGN OF HIM! AND HE COULDN'T HAVE JUMPED WITHOUT BREAKING HIS NECK!


AND HE COULDN'T HAVE REACHED THAT TREE WITHOUT FLYING! I WISH I KNEW HOW HE GAVE ME THE SLIP! WELL, I MIGHT AS WELL TAKE HIS ACCOMPLICE TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS!

LATER, WHEN CAPTAIN MARVEL JR. DEPARTS...
I'LL GIVE YOU CREDIT FOR SAVING ME FROM CAPTAIN MARVEL JR! BUT YOU CERTAINLY MADE A SHORT FLIGHT!
FLYING IS HARD WORK! AND I DON'T LIKE HARD WORK!

CAPTAIN MARVEL JR.


BESIDES, YOU DIDN'T TELL ME HOW FAR TO FLY!
HMMM! JUST MY LUCK TO GET THE LAZIEST GENIE IN THE WORLD! BUT WHY COMPLAIN? FROM NOW ON I'LL GIVE HIM ORDERS HE CAN'T POSSIBLY MISUNDERSTAND!
FOR SALE


BUT IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOW, SAM DISCOVERS IT IS NOT EASY TO FORETELL WHAT A LAZY GENIE WILL DO!
I ORDERED YOU TO BRING A TRAY OF SUMPTUOUS FOOD FROM THE ORIENT! WHAT'S THIS?
CHOP SUEY FROM THE CHINESE RESTAURANT DOWN THE STREET! IT WAS SO MUCH EASIER THAN GOING CLEAR TO ASIA!

AND FINALLY...
THERE HE SITS DOZING ALL DAY LONG! HE SAYS GENIES AREN'T PERMITTED TO STEAL, SO HE CAN'T GET ME ANY MONEY! I'VE GOT TO FIGURE OUT A NEW ANGLE TO RAISE SOME DOUGH!
ZZZZZ

I'VE GOT AN IDEA!
LISTEN, GENIE! BRING ME TOMORROW'S NEWSPAPER SO I CAN SEE IN ADVANCE HOW THIS STICK-UP I'M PLANNING IS GOING TO WORK OUT!
BUT IT'S AWFULLY HARD WORK TO TRAVEL IN TIME!

EVERY HOUR OF TRAVEL INTO THE FUTURE IS LIKE WALKING A HUNDRED MILES! PLEASE DON'T MAKE ME GO, MASTER!
GET MOVING--- AND BRING BACK TOMORROW'S NEWSPAPER!

THE GENIE VANISHES IN A PUFF OF SMOKE! A FEW SECONDS LATER, HE REAPPEARS!
TOMORROW'S NEWSPAPER! YOU GOT IT!
YES, MASTER!
YOU CAN HAVE IT AS SOON AS I'VE READ THE FUNNIES!
CROOK ESCAPES
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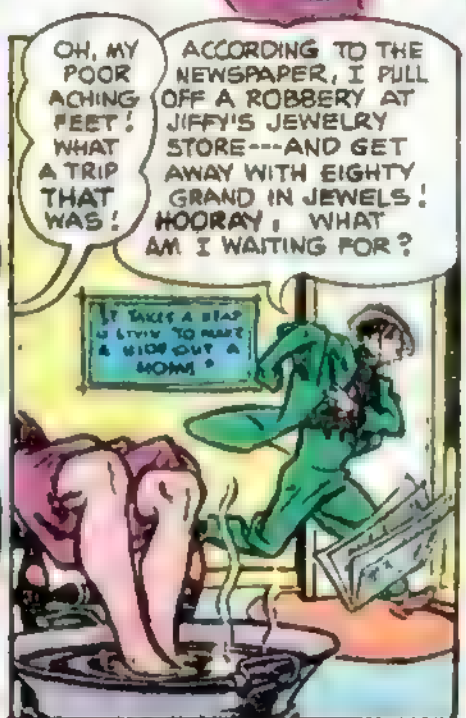
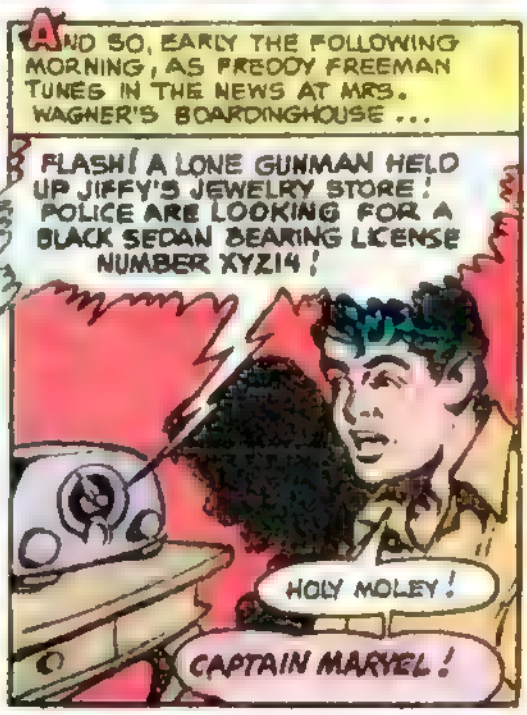

OH, MY POOR ACHING FEET! WHAT A TRIP THAT WAS!
ACCORDING TO THE NEWSPAPER, I PULL OFF A ROBBERY AT JIFFY'S JEWELRY STORE---AND GET AWAY WITH EIGHTY GRAND IN JEWELS! HOORAY! WHAT AM I WAITING FOR?


AND SO, EARLY THE FOLLOWING MORNING, AS FREDDY FREEMAN TUNES IN THE NEWS AT MRS. WAGNER'S BOARDINGHOUSE...
FLASH! A LONE GUNMAN HELD UP JIFFY'S JEWELRY STORE! POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR A BLACK SEDAN BEARING LICENSE NUMBER XYZ14!
HOLY MOLEY!
CAPTAIN MARVEL!

SUPER-SPECTACULAR SHAZAM!

ONCE AGAIN FREDDY FREEMAN BECOMES CAPTAIN MARVEL JR!
BOOM
FAR AND WIDE RANGES THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST BOY, UNTIL ON A HIGHWAY LEADING FROM TOWN...
THAT'S THE LICENSE NUMBER!
I'LL LAND HARD ENOUGH TO TIP IT OVER AND...HOLY MOLEY! YOU AGAIN!
THUD
THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING! I'M SUPPOSED TO ESCAPE! IT-IT SAYS SO IN THE NEWSPAPER!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE BABBLING ABOUT...
...BUT YOU CAN DO THE REST OF YOUR TALKING TO A JUDGE AND JURY!
KER-WHAM
ALL TOO SOON, SLICKER SAM FINDS HIMSELF BEHIND BARS---BUT NOT ALONE!
I OUGHTA WRING YOUR NECK! THAT WAS A FAKE COPY OF TODAY'S PAPER YOU GOT FOR ME YESTERDAY!
NO IT WASN'T! I TOLD YOU WHAT HARD WORK IT IS TO TRAVEL IN TIME! SO I DIDN'T GO ANY FURTHER THAN I HAD TO! I ONLY GOT THE EARLY EDITION OF THE PAPER!
THIS LATER EDITION TELLS ABOUT YOUR CAPTURE!
DAILY GAZETTE EARLY EDITION
CROOK ESCAPES WITH EIGHTY GRAND IN LOOT
DAILY GAZETTE FINAL EDITION
CAPTAIN MARVEL JR. CAPTURES JEWELRY THIEF
I'VE BEEN SWINDLED!!
YOU'RE TOO LAZY TO BE OF USE TO ANYONE! GO AWAY! I NEVER WANT TO SEE YOU AGAIN!
YES, MASTER! ONLY TOO GLAD TO OBLIGE! YAWNNNN! G'BYE!
AND THAT IS POSITIVELY THE LAST THAT SLICKER SAM, OR ANYONE! EVER SAW OF THE TOO LAZY GENIE!
The End.
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HI, STUPID! I SAY THAT BECAUSE I HATE YOU! BUT I HATE EVERYBODY! AFTER ALL, I'M HATRED! HATING IS WHAT I DO BEST!
HATRED
WANT TO SEE WHAT I CAN DO TO A MAN? HERE'S EXHIBIT A--EZRA BITTERSTONE!
SHAZAM!
THE ORIGINAL CAPTAIN MARVEL BATTLES THE WORLD HATER
HALT! HERMIT AHEAD!
HMM! I MAY BE JUMPING TO CONCLUSIONS, BUT I DON'T THINK THIS GUY IS GOING TO WELCOME MY VISIT!
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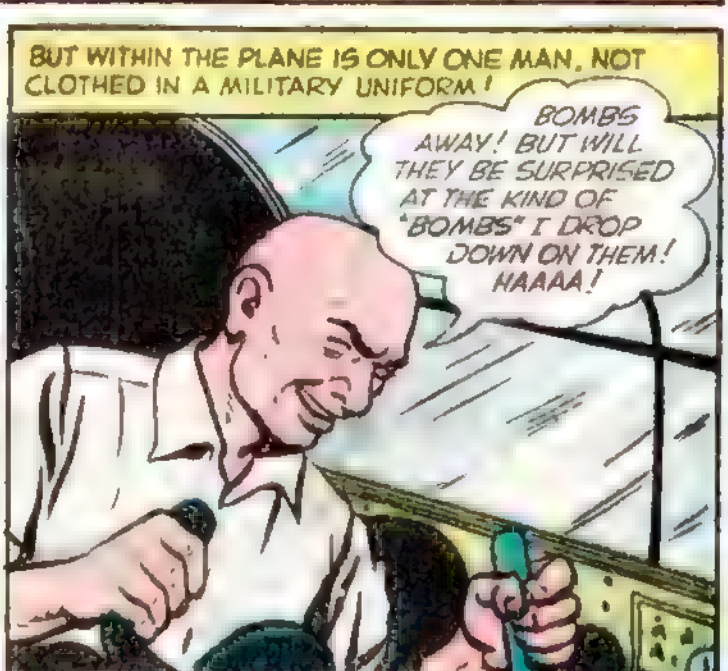
DROP DEAD!
THE WORLD HATER STAY AWAY!
I HATE MEN
I HATE WOMEN
I HATE KIDS
LIZARDS WELCOME
HUMANS FORBIDDEN
ART: C C BECK & PETE COSTANZA
A HERMIT IS ONE WHO SHUNS HUMAN SOCIETY, LIVING ALONE IN SOLITARY ISOLATION! BUT CAPTAIN MARVEL MEETS THE ULTIMATE IN HERMITS, A MAN WHO IS SO SOURED ON LIFE THAT HE HATES THE WHOLE WORLD AND EVERYONE IN IT!
IT IS A GRIM BATTLE FOR THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL TO STOP THE WORLD HATER, WHO SEEKS TO DESTROY THE WHOLE HUMAN RACE IN UTTER HATRED!

CAN THIS BE A SNEAK BOMBING RAID ON A DEFENSELESS CITY?
TARGET BELOW!


BUT WITHIN THE PLANE IS ONLY ONE MAN, NOT CLOTHED IN A MILITARY UNIFORM!
BOMBS AWAY! BUT WILL THEY BE SURPRISED AT THE KIND OF "BOMBS" I DROP DOWN ON THEM! HAAAA!

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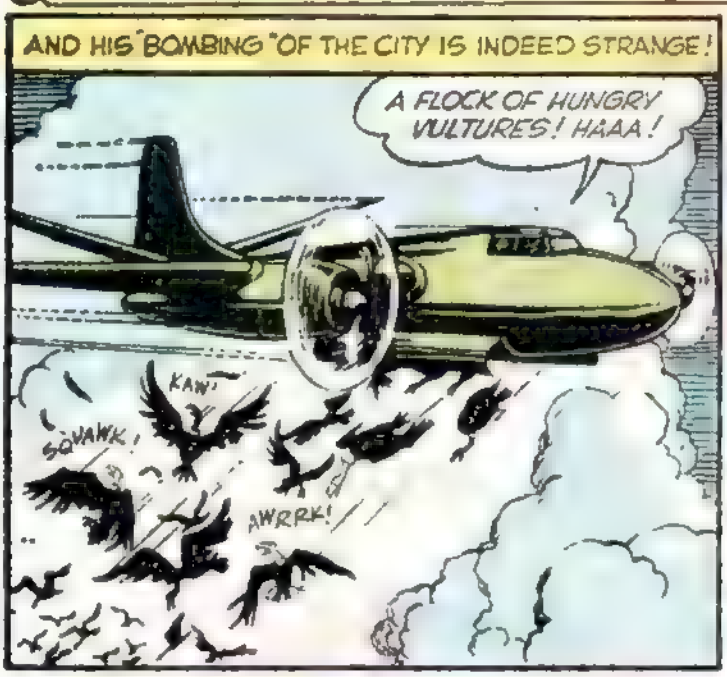
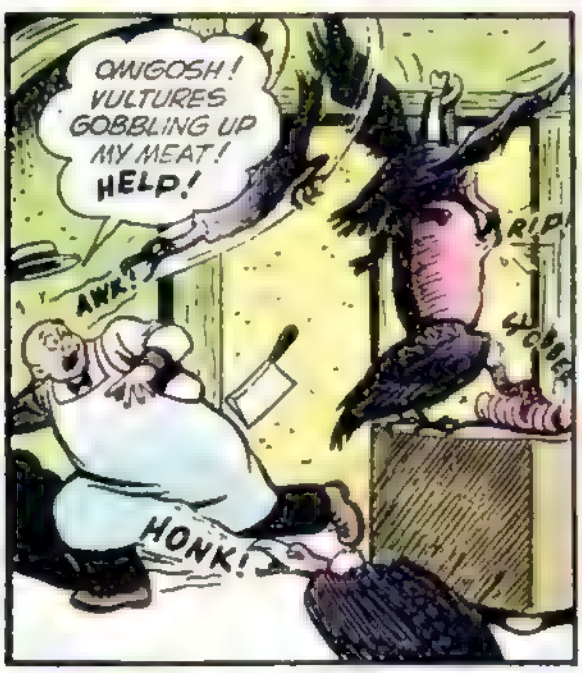
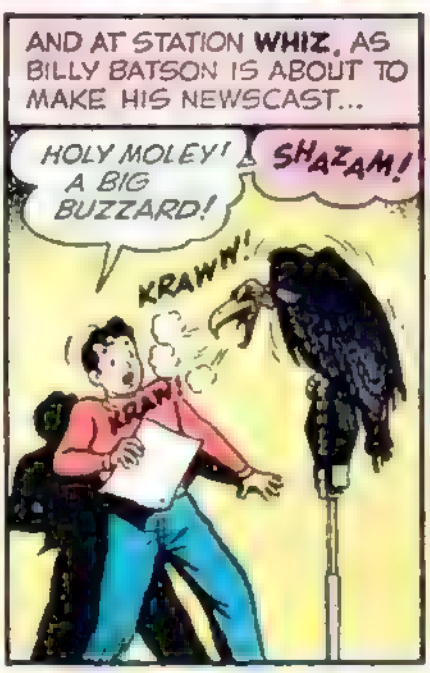
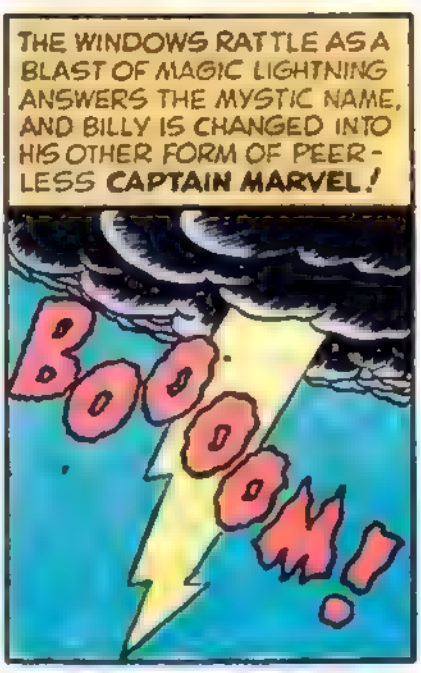
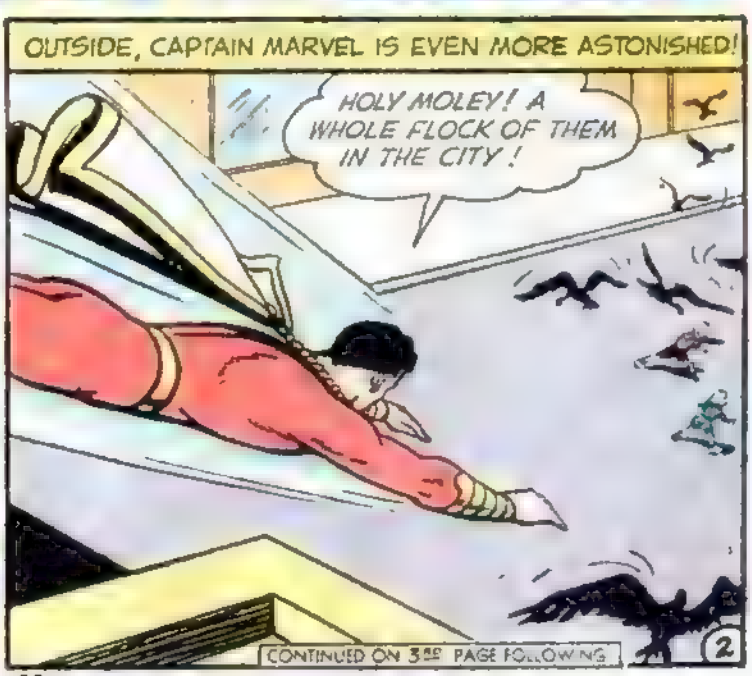







THE WINDOWS RATTLE AS A BLAST OF MAGIC LIGHTNING ANSWERS THE MYSTIC NAME, AND BILLY IS CHANGED INTO HIS OTHER FORM OF PEERLESS CAPTAIN MARVEL!
BOOOOM!


OUTSIDE, CAPTAIN MARVEL IS EVEN MORE ASTONISHED!
HOLY MOLEY! A WHOLE FLOCK OF THEM IN THE CITY!
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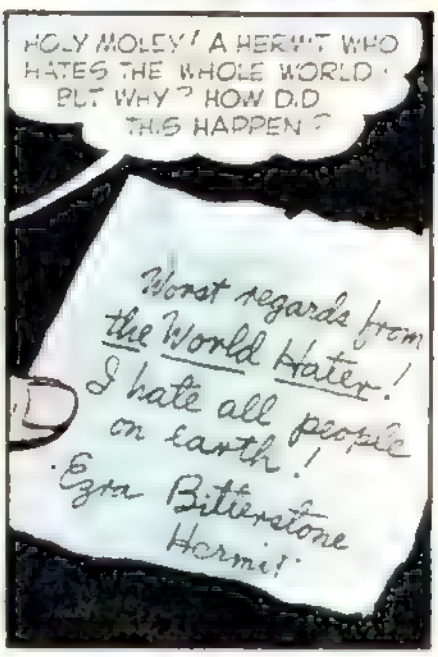
CAPTAIN MARVEL

THIS IS AWFUL! THEY'RE EVEN ATTACKING LITTLE KIDS! I'VE GOT TO GET TO WORK AND CAPTURE ALL THESE FEROCIOUS CRITTERS!
AWK
SQUACK

USING HIS GREAT SPEED AND FLYING POWERS, THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL IS SOON ABLE TO ROUND UP ALL THE PREDATORY BIRDS, AND.
THOSE ARE THE LAST TWO, I THINK!
WELL MAKE THIS A NEW BIG EXHIBIT OF WILD VULTURES!


HOLY MOLEY! A HERMIT WHO HATES THE WHOLE WORLD! BUT WHY? HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?
Worst regards from the World Hater! I hate all people on earth! Ezra Bitterstone Hermit!

MEANWHILE, THE STRANGE WORLD HATER'S PLANE ARRIVES IN THE MIDDLE OF A DESOLATE DESERT!
AH, IT'S GOOD TO BE BACK IN THIS ISOLATED SPOT! THERE'S NOT ANOTHER HUMAN AROUND FOR A HUNDRED MILES!

BUT WHY DOES EZRA BITTERSTONE HATE THE WHOLE WORLD AND EVERYBODY IN IT?
LET THE CLOCK TURN BACK IN TIME TO REVEAL THE TRAGIC EVENTS THAT SANK A MAN TO THE DEPTHS OF BITTEREST HATRED!

TEN YEARS AGO EZRA CONSIDERED HIMSELF A KIND MAN. BUT FOR ONE REASON HE WAS MISUNDERSTOOD BY OTHER PEOPLE!
STOP BEATING THAT MAN, EZRA BITTERSTONE!
BUT OFFICER--- HE REFUSED TO STEP OUT OF MY WAY! WHY DOES EVERYONE PICK ON ME?
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SUPER-SPECTACULAR SHAZAM!

HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND EITHER WHY WOMEN SCORNED HIM!
MARRY ME! BUT OF COURSE YOU MUST PROMISE TO BE MY SLAVE AND OBEY MY SLIGHTEST WHIM! THAT'S ONLY FAIR, ISN'T IT?
OF ALL THE NERVE! GET OUT!
BUT WORST OF ALL, EZRA'S UNGRATEFUL FELLOW TOWNSMEN RAN HIM OUT OF TOWN WHEN HE TRIED TO DO A GOOD DEED!
THIS LEGAL DOCUMENT GIVES US THE RIGHT TO KICK YOU OUT OF TOWN, YOU WRETCH--- FOR ROBBING WIDOWS, ORPHANS AND CRIPPLES!
CITY LIMITS
BUT I DONATED A DOLLAR TO CHARITY!
SO, MISTREATED AT EVERY TURN, HE THEN MADE A GRIM VOW!
SO THE WORLD DOESN'T WANT ME, EH? ALL RIGHT, I'LL BECOME A HERMIT! AND SOME DAY I'LL HAVE REVENGE AGAINST THE WHOLE STUPID, SILLY HUMAN RACE! YES, REVENGE!
SUCH IS THE TRAGIC STORY OF EZRA BITTERSTONE! HE MADE HIS HOME IN THE DESERT, SHUNNING ALL PEOPLE! AND FROM THEN ON HE HAS WORKED ONLY TO BRING ABOUT HIS REVENGE AGAINST THE WORLD!
HELP OUT
BEFORE I'M THROUGH, THE WHOLE HUMAN RACE IS GOING TO DIE! I'M GOING TO WIPE THEM OFF THE FACE OF THE EARTH! HAHHHH!
SUCH IS THE FINAL GRIM PLAN OF THE HEARTLESS HERMIT!
BUT BEFORE THEY ALL DIE, I'M GOING TO TORTURE THEM, CITY BY CITY! I USED THE FORTUNE I HAD TO BUY PARTS AND BUILD THESE GIANT ROCKETS, EACH FILLED WITH SOMETHING SPECIAL!
ROARRRR
THERE GOES A LOAD OF ITCH POWDER TO ONE CITY! HAHH!
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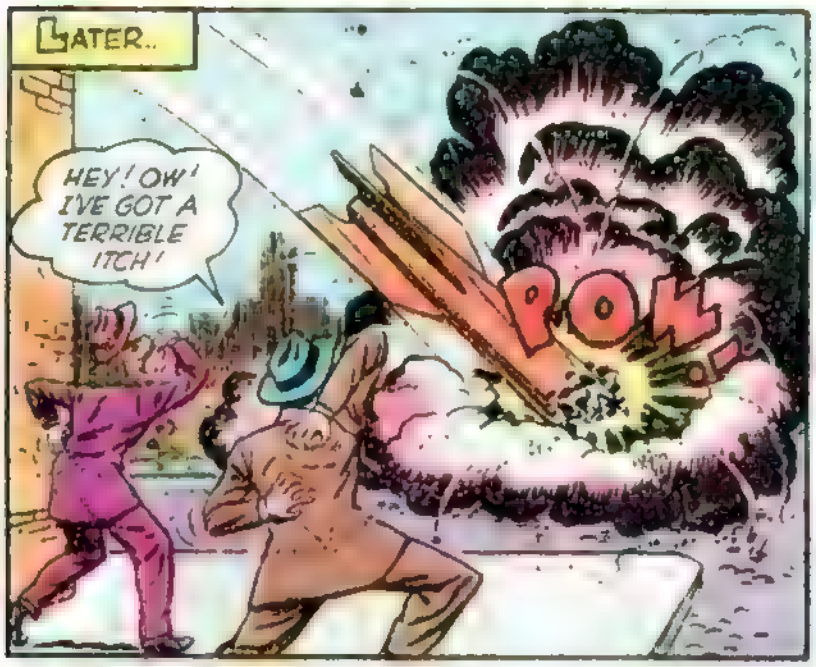
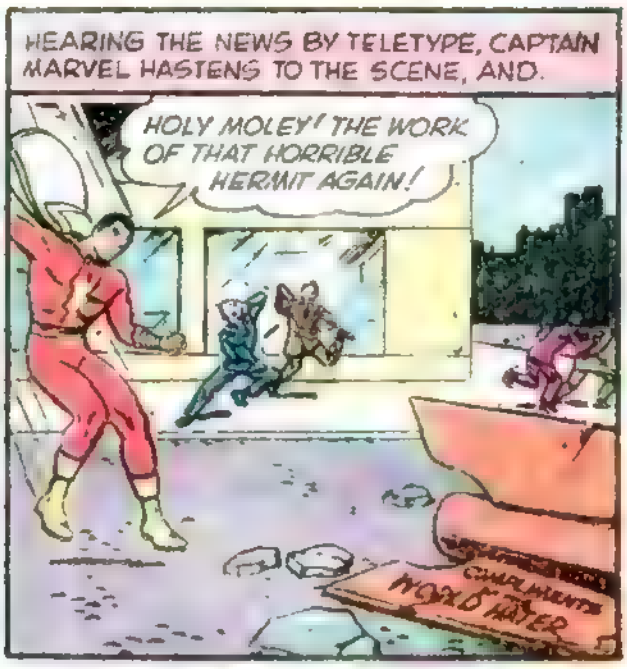
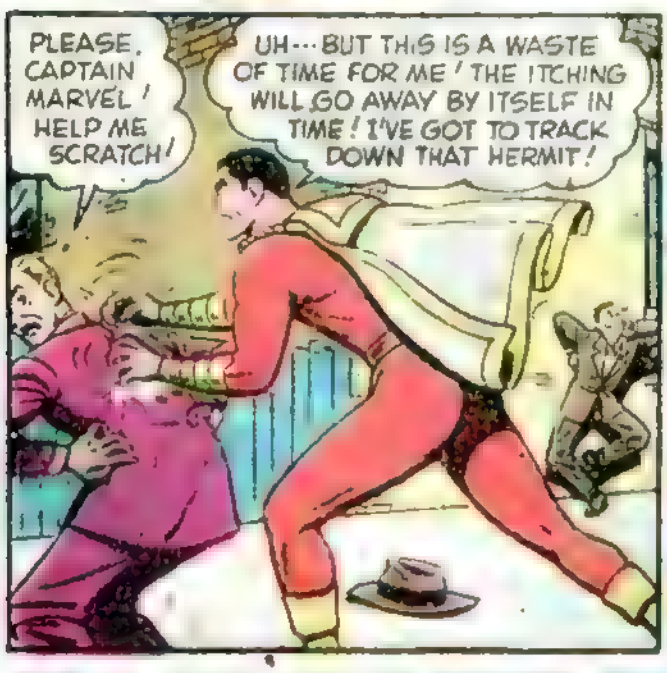
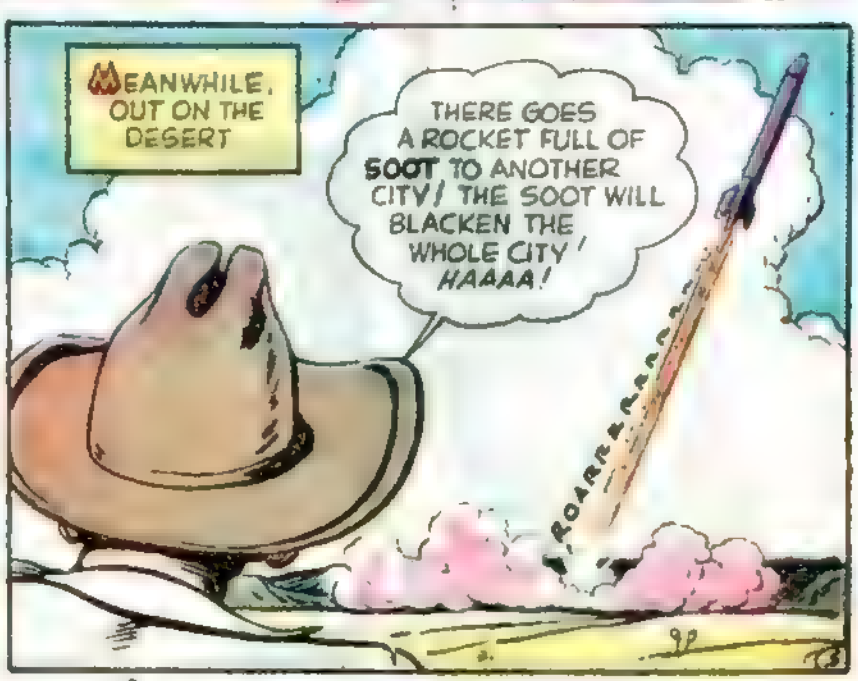

LATER..
HEY! OW! I'VE GOT A TERRIBLE ITCH!
POW!


HEARING THE NEWS BY TELETYPE, CAPTAIN MARVEL HASTENS TO THE SCENE, AND.
HOLY MOLEY! THE WORK OF THAT HORRIBLE HERMIT AGAIN!
COMPLIMENTS NOW & LATER


PLEASE, CAPTAIN MARVEL! HELP ME SCRATCH!
UH··· BUT THIS IS A WASTE OF TIME FOR ME! THE ITCHING WILL GO AWAY BY ITSELF IN TIME! I'VE GOT TO TRACK DOWN THAT HERMIT!

WHICH WAY DID THE ROCKET COME FROM?
I-I CAN'T POINT! MY HANDS ARE TOO BUSY! IT···IT CAME FROM THE WEST!

WEST, EH? I'LL FLY THAT WAY AND SEARCH!


MEANWHILE, OUT ON THE DESERT
THERE GOES A ROCKET FULL OF SOOT TO ANOTHER CITY! THE SOOT WILL BLACKEN THE WHOLE CITY! HAAAA!
ROARRRRRR

SUPER-SPECTACULAR SHAZAM!

COULD THE HERMIT BE OUT IN THIS DESERT? HEY, ANOTHER ROCKET! I'VE GOT TO STOP IT!
THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL EXPLODES THE ROCKET HIMSELF!
HOLY MOLEY! WHAT'S THIS THING FILLED WITH?
BOOM
SOOT! IT'S ALL OVER!
I'D BETTER FIND A LAKE AND WASH UP! THIS'LL DO!
MEANWHILE, THE MAN WHO HATES THE ENTIRE WORLD STRIKES AGAIN!
THIS ROCKET IS DESIGNED TO SPIN IN THE AIR AND CREATE A TERRIFIC WHIRLWIND WHICH WILL THEN RAGE ALONG AND WRECK A DOZEN CITIES! HAAAA!
WHOOOSH!
IF I COULD ONLY FIND THE WORLD HATER'S HIDE-OUT... ..HOLY MOLEY! NOW HE'S LET LOOSE SOMETHING WORSE--- A TORNADO! HOW CAN I STOP THAT?
THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL QUICKLY THINKS OF A WAY TO STOP THE WHIRLWIND!
I'LL FLY AT HIGH SPEED IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION AND BREAK UP THIS COLUMN OF WHIRLING AIR!
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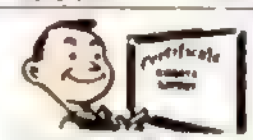

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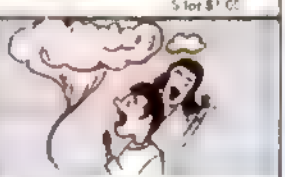

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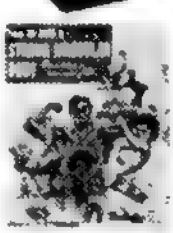
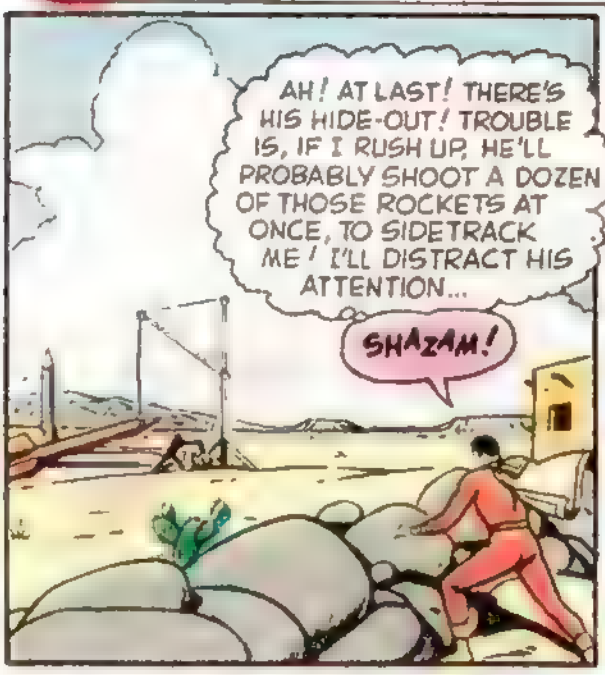
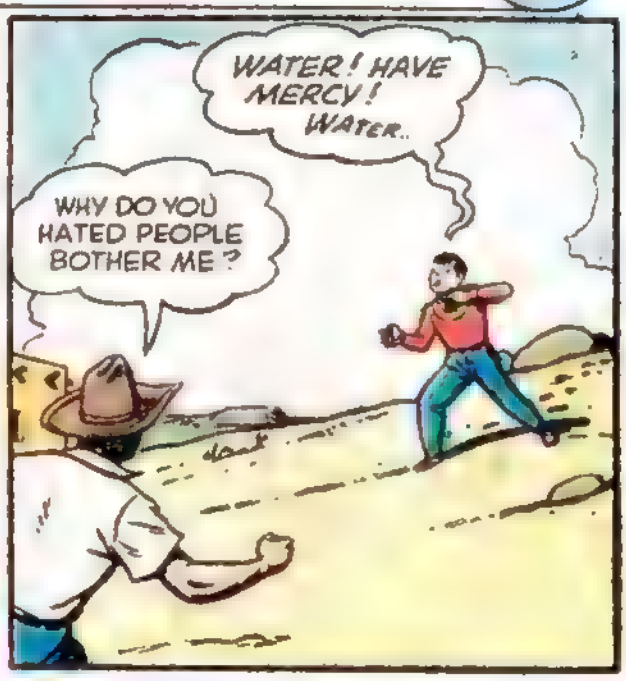
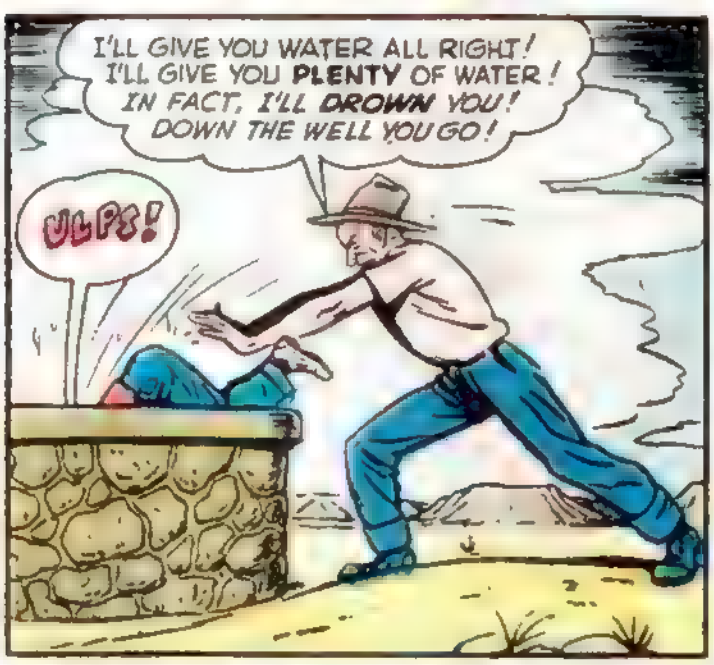
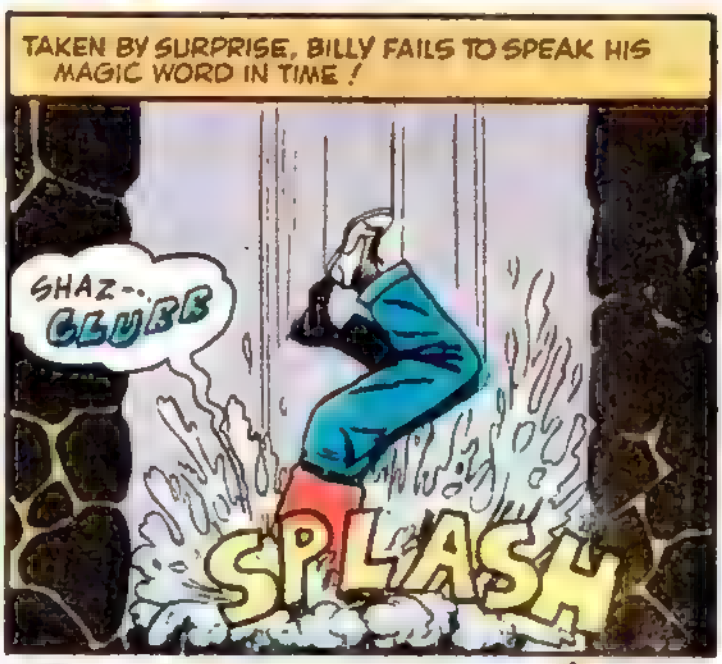


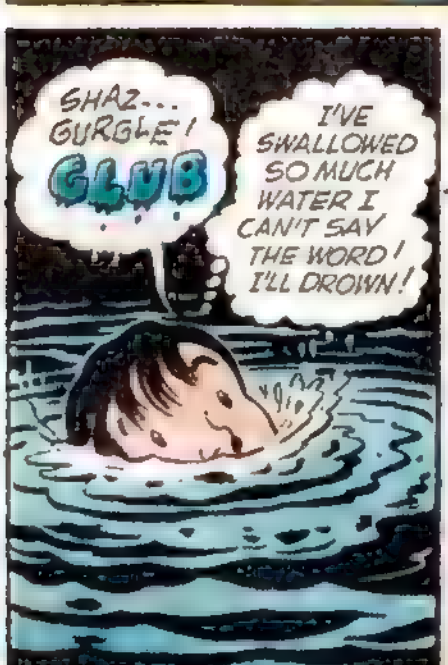
CAPTAIN MARVEL

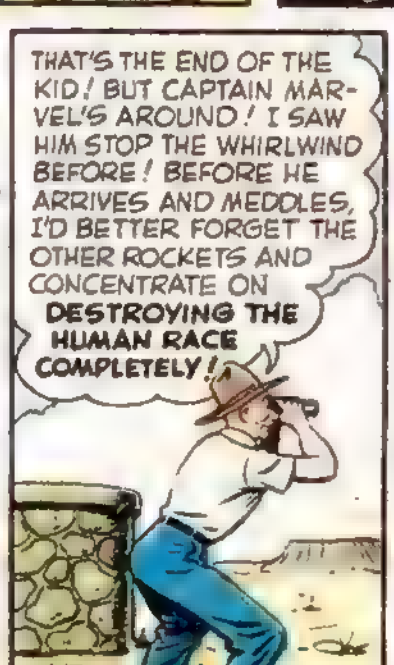

AH! AT LAST! THERE'S HIS HIDE-OUT! TROUBLE IS, IF I RUSH UP, HE'LL PROBABLY SHOOT A DOZEN OF THOSE ROCKETS AT ONCE, TO SIDETRACK ME! I'LL DISTRACT HIS ATTENTION...
SHAZAM!

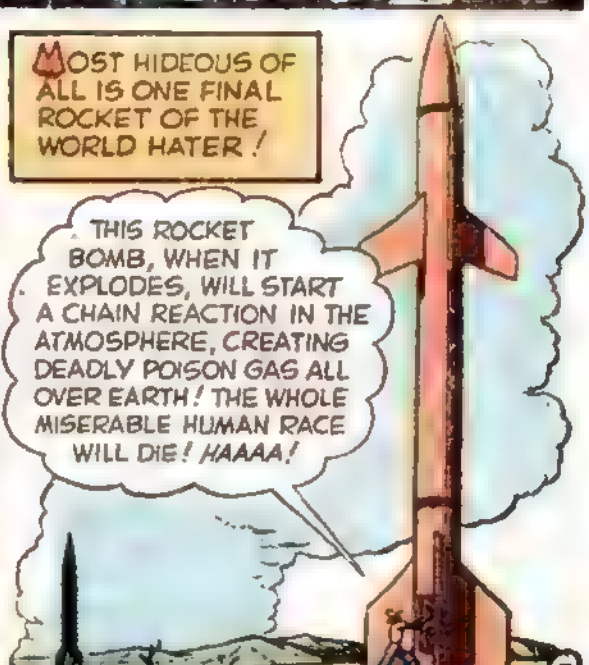




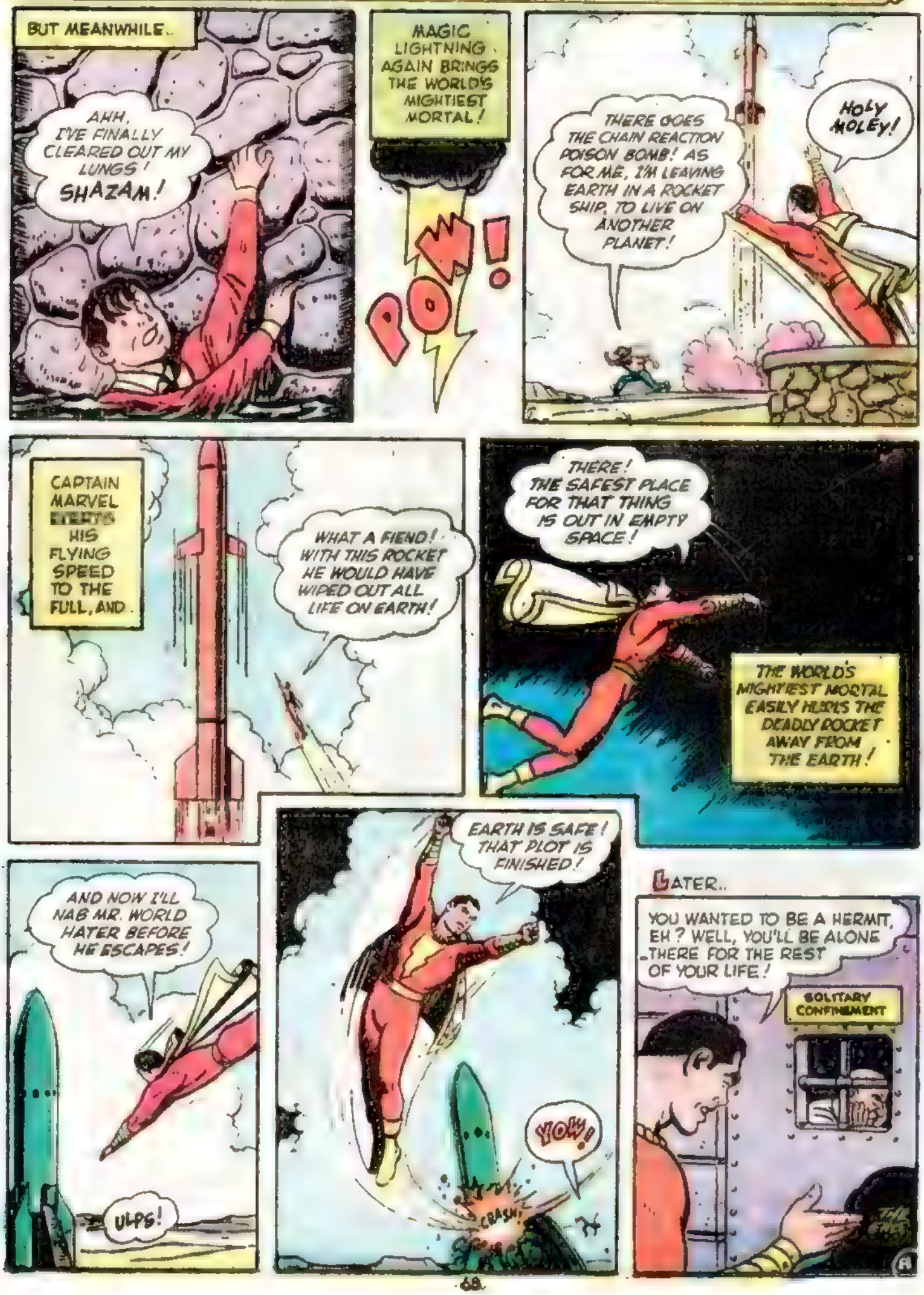





THAT'S THE END OF THE KID! BUT CAPTAIN MARVEL'S AROUND! I SAW HIM STOP THE WHIRLWIND BEFORE! BEFORE HE ARRIVES AND MEDDLES, I'D BETTER FORGET THE OTHER ROCKETS AND CONCENTRATE ON DESTROYING THE HUMAN RACE COMPLETELY!


MOST HIDEOUS OF ALL IS ONE FINAL ROCKET OF THE WORLD HATER!
THIS ROCKET BOMB, WHEN IT EXPLODES, WILL START A CHAIN REACTION IN THE ATMOSPHERE, CREATING DEADLY POISON GAS ALL OVER EARTH! THE WHOLE MISERABLE HUMAN RACE WILL DIE! HAAAA!

SUPER-SPECTACULAR SHAZAM!


BUT MEANWHILE..
AHH, I'VE FINALLY CLEARED OUT MY LUNGS! SHAZAM!
MAGIC LIGHTNING AGAIN BRINGS THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL!
POW!
THERE GOES THE CHAIN REACTION POISON BOMB! AS FOR ME, I'M LEAVING EARTH IN A ROCKET SHIP, TO LIVE ON ANOTHER PLANET!
HOLY MOLEY!
CAPTAIN MARVEL STEPS HIS FLYING SPEED TO THE FULL, AND..
WHAT A FIEND! WITH THIS ROCKET HE WOULD HAVE WIPED OUT ALL LIFE ON EARTH!
THERE! THE SAFEST PLACE FOR THAT THING IS OUT IN EMPTY SPACE!
THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL EASILY HURLS THE DEADLY ROCKET AWAY FROM THE EARTH!
AND NOW I'LL NAB MR. WORLD HATER BEFORE HE ESCAPES!
ULPS!
EARTH IS SAFE! THAT PLOT IS FINISHED!
YOW!
CRASH!
LATER..
YOU WANTED TO BE A HERMIT, EH? WELL, YOU'LL BE ALONE THERE FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE!
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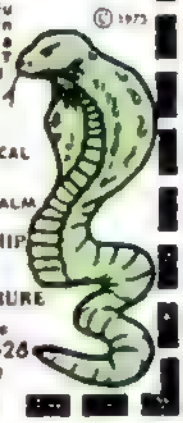

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Dear E.N.B.:

Thank heaven for **Shazam!** And, more fittingly, thank heaven for **Shazam #14**, a totally engrossing issue. "The Evil Return of the Monster Society" was the breath of fresh air I have been waiting two long, hectic months for.

Denny O'Neil turned out a marvelous, simple script, with hardly any captions . . . a proof, if one is needed, of his versatility. **The Marvel Family** was properly wholesome and the **Sivanas** were justifiably contemptible. It never has changed, has it? It hope it never does.

I was glad to see **Uncle Dudley/Uncle Marvel** in a new tale. It was especially fun to see his "dream" self flying with **Cap, Mary** and **Junior**, beating up the **Monster Society** in the sky. And I liked the magnetism between **Ibac** and **Georgia** . . . though an explanation of **Ibac's** return would have made it nicer

Kurt Schaffenberger is popping up more and more around DC lately, and I'm all for it. His art is amazingly good, especially for **Shazam**, because of its simplicity. Kurt makes the most incredible scenes seem all the more believable. Kurt and comics go together like Euell Gibbons and wild hickory nuts.

The reprints were very good . . . your next issue looks extremely intriguing . . . and I can't find anything you're doing wrong. If I do, I'll let you know. Don't hold your breath.

Bob Rodi, Oak Brook, Ill.

(I won't. I never looked very good in purple.—E.N.B.)

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Creators of Fantasy:

I have before me the results of the 1973 Comic Art Fan Awards, and I see that the **Big Red Cheese** is not among the winners—primarily because nobody in his right mind would vote for such a ridiculous thing in a world full of mystery and the supernatural. But, Messrs. Schwartz, Bridwell, O'Neil and Schaffenberger, if there was ever an award with a big heart under it, surely the unanimous decision would be to give it to **Shazam!** For since that first mind-boggling issue, you have allowed us to escape a planet of turmoil into one where the **Yellow Brick Road** never ends

Bob Thompson, Edmonton, Alberta

(Never ends? Does that mean we'll never reach the EMERALD CITY?—E.N.B.)

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Dear Julie:

I was extremely impressed with Kurt Schaffenberger's return to the **Big Red Cheese**. His style is really perfect for the character of **Captain Marvel** and for the **Marvel Family**. Denny O'Neil turned out a truly amazing fantasy story as he once again proved his unbelievable versatility. Is there anything he can't write?

(THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE. Jefferson beat him to it!—E.N.B.)

I had fun comparing the new **Marvel Family** story with the reprint **MF** tale. Seeing the art on both stories was done by the aforementioned Mr. Schaffenberger, the comparison took on a special meaning

I am really interested in seeing the upcoming **Lex Luthor/Captain Marvel** showdown. Since **Captain Marvel** is written from an extreme fantasy viewpoint, and **Superman** is more realistic, the crossover will draw many comments, pro and con, from the peanut gallery. I can't wait to read both the story and the letters. Since I'm in favor of **Superman** and **Captain Marvel** shaking hands and adventuring together once in a while, I'm hoping this will be a step in the right direction.

Chad B. Goyette, Long Beach, Calif.

(By the way, while looking over those Schaffenberger stories, both old and new, watch for a tall man with glasses and a mustache. That's Kurt, who likes to draw himself into the story from time to time. Sort of an Alfred Hitchcock complex, I guess.—E.N.B.)

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Dear Shazampeople:

Billy Batson is as phony as **Uncle Marvel!** Back in your first 100-pager **(#8)**, he said, "I'll light the burner and summon the spirit of **Shazam!**" Yet he didn't change. Howcum?

(For the same reason he didn't change when he said the word on page 4 of #14—we goofed!—E.N.B.)

Anyway, I hope all the fans noticed the author of **The Exploits of Captain Marvel** ("The Prophetic Book") was O. Binder. Who else but Otto?

Eric Holland, Saskatoon, Sask.

(Who else but one of the top SHAZAM writers of all time? But another gag was nearly lost in the printing. On page 86 of #14, one of the books is LORDS OF CREATION by Eando Binder—Otto's pen-name!—E.N.B.)

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Just enough room left for the credits. "The Sneaking Doom" was originally published in MARVEL FAMILY #59; May, 1951; "The Invention Miser"—CAPTAIN MARVEL ADVENTURES #103; Dec., 1949; "The Lazy Genie"—CAPTAIN MARVEL JR. #118; Apr., 1953; "The World Hater"—MF #53; Nov., 1950; "The Monarch of Money"—MF #29; Nov., 1948; "King Kull and the Seven Sins"—CMA #137; Oct., 1952.

"THE LOVE OF MONEY IS THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL!" I'LL BUY THAT! YOU SEE, I'M GREED! AND I'M THE ONE WHO STARTED THAT "LOVE OF MONEY"!
GREED
BUT IT'S NOT JUST MONEY ONE SHOULD WANT...IT'S WHAT MONEY CAN BUY...THINGS LIKE POWER! CARLTON CLUTCH HAD MONEY... NOW HE WAS AFTER POWER!

THE MARVEL FAMILY battles the MONARCH of MONEY

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In the heart of Finance Square is the secret office of Carlton Clutch, monarch of money!

FROM THIS OFFICE, I RUN DOZENS OF BUSINESSES! MY PERSONAL FORTUNE RUNS INTO BILLIONS! BUT I WON'T STOP UNTIL I'M THE RICHEST AND MOST POWERFUL MAN ON EARTH! AND IF ANYONE STANDS IN MY WAY, THEY GET CRUSHED!

MONEY IS POWER

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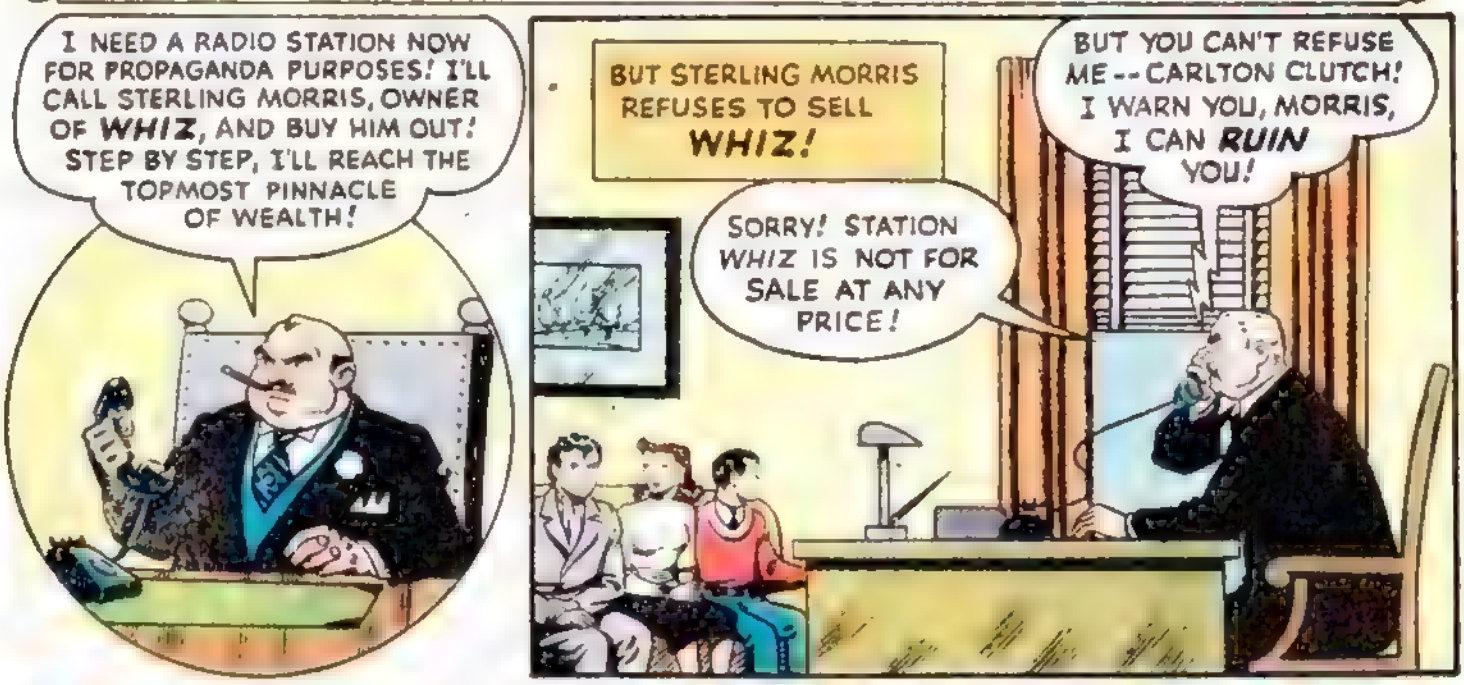
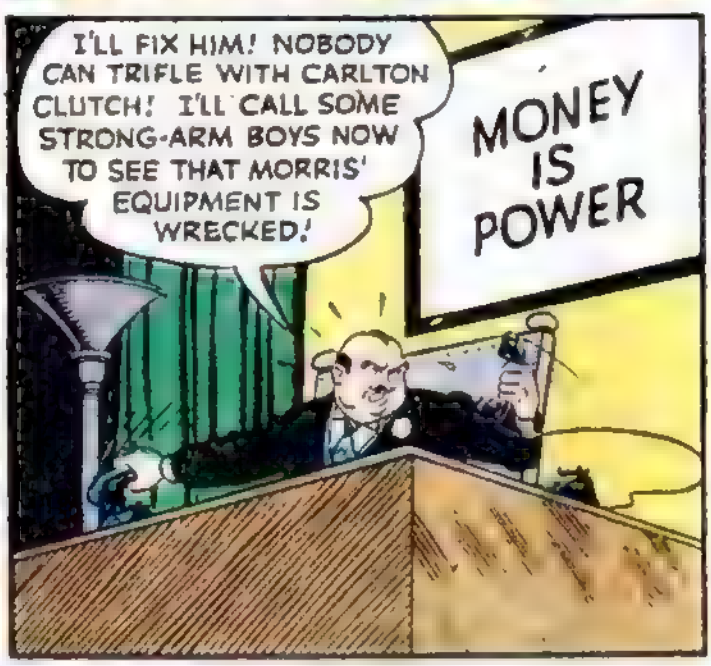
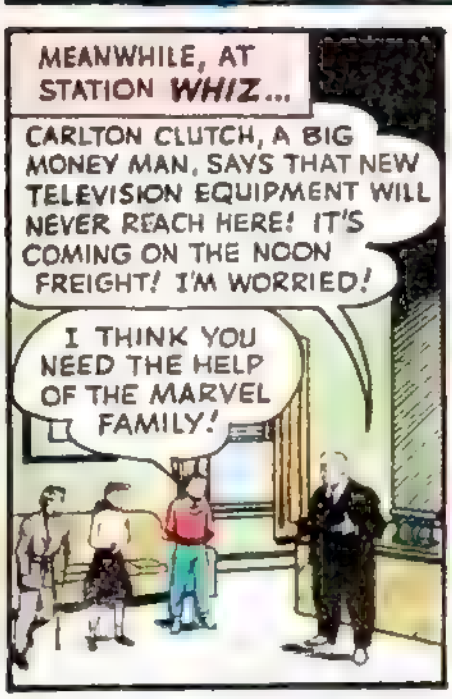
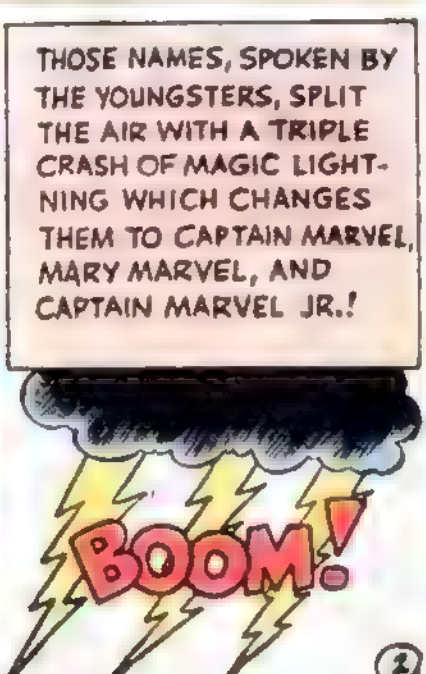

I NEED A RADIO STATION NOW FOR PROPAGANDA PURPOSES! I'LL CALL STERLING MORRIS, OWNER OF WHIZ, AND BUY HIM OUT! STEP BY STEP, I'LL REACH THE TOPMOST PINNACLE OF WEALTH!
BUT STERLING MORRIS REFUSES TO SELL WHIZ!
SORRY! STATION WHIZ IS NOT FOR SALE AT ANY PRICE!
BUT YOU CAN'T REFUSE ME -- CARLTON CLUTCH! I WARN YOU, MORRIS, I CAN RUIN YOU!

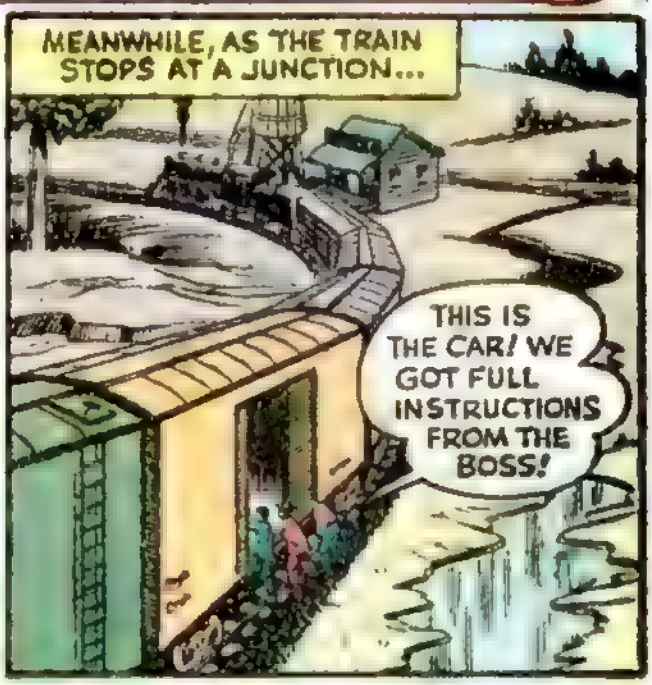
I HAPPEN TO KNOW THAT SOME NEW EXPENSIVE TELEVISION EQUIPMENT IS EN-ROUTE TO YOU FOR A NEW TRANSMITTER YOU'RE BUILDING! THAT EQUIPMENT WILL NEVER REACH YOU!

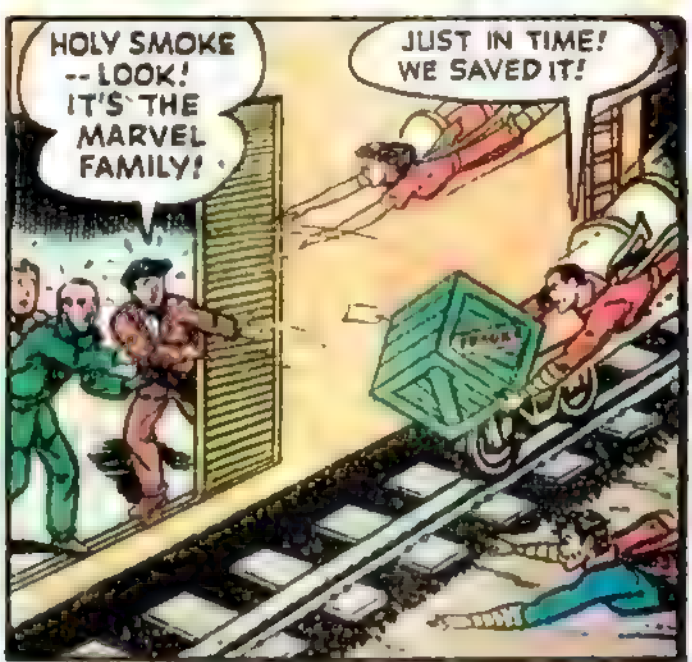

I'LL FIX HIM! NOBODY CAN TRIFLE WITH CARLTON CLUTCH! I'LL CALL SOME STRONG-ARM BOYS NOW TO SEE THAT MORRIS' EQUIPMENT IS WRECKED!
MONEY IS POWER


MEANWHILE, AT STATION WHIZ...
CARLTON CLUTCH, A BIG MONEY MAN, SAYS THAT NEW TELEVISION EQUIPMENT WILL NEVER REACH HERE! IT'S COMING ON THE NOON FREIGHT! I'M WORRIED!
I THINK YOU NEED THE HELP OF THE MARVEL FAMILY!

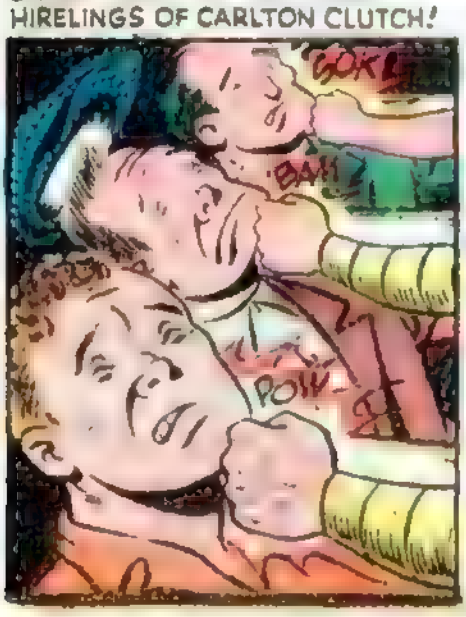

THOSE NAMES, SPOKEN BY THE YOUNGSTERS, SPLIT THE AIR WITH A TRIPLE CRASH OF MAGIC LIGHTNING WHICH CHANGES THEM TO CAPTAIN MARVEL, MARY MARVEL, AND CAPTAIN MARVEL JR.!
BOOM!

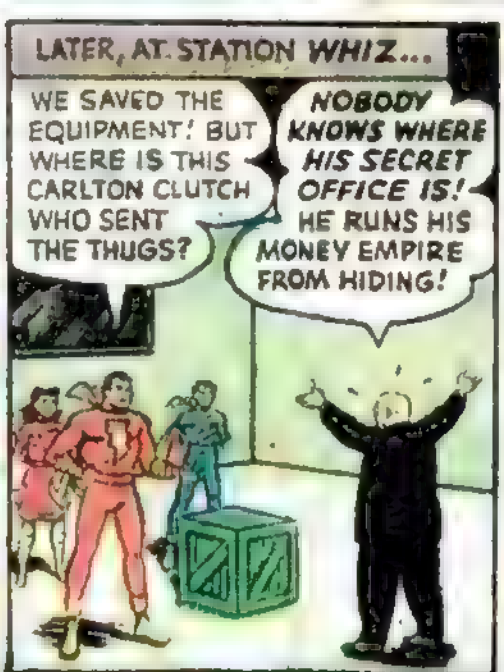
THE MARVEL FAMILY!





AND THREE MARVEL FISTS MAKE SHORT WORK OF THE THREE HIRELINGS OF CARLTON CLUTCH!




LATER, AT STATION WHIZ...
WE SAVED THE EQUIPMENT! BUT WHERE IS THIS CARLTON CLUTCH WHO SENT THE THUGS?
NOBODY KNOWS WHERE HIS SECRET OFFICE IS! HE RUNS HIS MONEY EMPIRE FROM HIDING!

AND AT THE UNKNOWN HIDE-AWAY OF CARLTON CLUTCH...
HELLO, MORRIS! THE MARVEL FAMILY HELPED YOU, EH? BUT YOU HAVE THREE MORE PIECES OF EQUIPMENT ARRIVING! NOW I'LL SABOTAGE THEM! YOU'LL SOON BE GLAD TO SELL OUT TO ME!

SUPER-SPECTACULAR SHAZAM!

ONE ITEM IS COMING BY BOAT! ANOTHER BY PLANE! AND THE LAST BY TRUCK! THEY'RE EXTREMELY VALUABLE! WHIZ WOULD BE IN A BAD WAY IF CLUTCH STOPPED THEM!
WE'LL SEE THAT HE DOESN'T!
MARY MARVEL, YOU WATCH THE BOAT! JUNIOR, THE PLANE! I'LL HANDLE THE TRUCK!
RIGHT!
OKAY!
BUT, ON REACHING THE DOCKS, MARY MARVEL RUNS INTO A NEW SITUATION!
HEY! WHY DON'T YOU UNLOAD?
NEPTUNE II
C. CLUTCH LINES
SORRY, MISS! WE GOT ORDERS NOT TO! YOU SEE, THIS BOAT IS OWNED BY CARLTON CLUTCH!
BUT YOU CAN'T DO THAT! IT'S UNLAWFUL! MR. MORRIS PAID FOR HIS EQUIPMENT AND YOU HAVE TO RELEASE IT!
OH, YEAH? TRY AND MAKE US!
THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST GIRL ACCEPTS THE INVITATION!
WAS THERE SOMETHING IN MY WAY?
WHAM!
AND SOON...
THAT'S THAT! I'LL DELIVER THIS TO STATION WHIZ MYSELF!
AT THE AIRPORT, CAPTAIN MARVEL JR. ALSO RUNS INTO SHADY DEALINGS!
THAT'S THE PLANE CARRYING THE WHIZ ORDER! IF YOU WANT IT, YOU'D BETTER HURRY! ITS OWNER, CARLTON CLUTCH, JUST ORDERED THE PILOT TO DUMP HIS CARGO AT SEA!
THANKS!
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CAPTAIN MARVEL JR. QUICKLY CATCHES THE SPEEDING PLANE, AND...

STOP HIM!

WHAM

YIKE! THAT'S LIKE STOPPING A TORNADO!

I'VE GOT THE STUFF FOR *WHIZ*! THEY CAN DROP THEMSELVES IN THE OCEAN!

CAPTAIN MARVEL ALSO MEETS CROOKED WORK!

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LET THAT TRUCK THROUGH THIS BRIDGE!

SCRAM, MISTER! THE BOSS SAID TO STOP THAT TRUCK!

DRIVERS! JUST SIT TIGHT! WE'RE GOING TO CROSS THAT RIVER!

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WHO NEEDS A BRIDGE ANYWAY?

GULP! HE'S **FLYING** US ACROSS!

USING HIS MIGHTY STRENGTH, CAPTAIN MARVEL EASILY OVERCOMES THE OBSTACLE OF THE BRIDGE.

AND SO LATER, AT STATION *WHIZ*...

WE GOT THE EQUIPMENT THROUGH, CLUTCH OR NO CLUTCH!

STATION WHIZ

FRAGILE

WONDERFUL! I'LL BET CLUTCH IS GNASHING HIS TEETH RIGHT NOW!

AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT CARLTON CLUTCH IS DOING!

I'VE GOT MONEY TO BURN, BUT I CAN'T STOP THE MARVEL FAMILY! I'VE GOT TO TRY DIFFERENT TACTICS!

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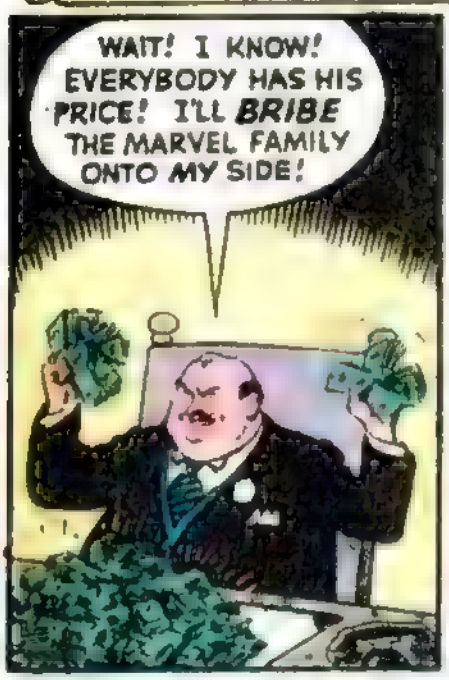
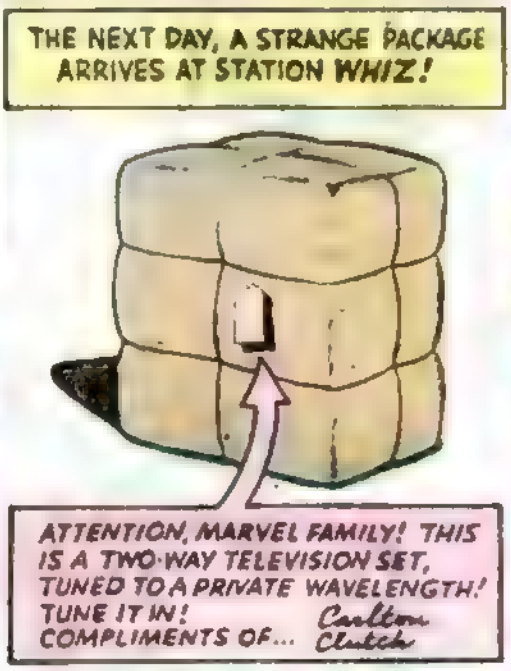
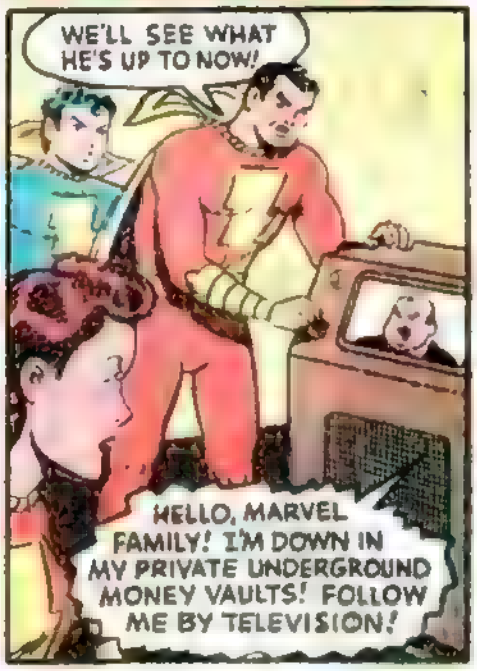
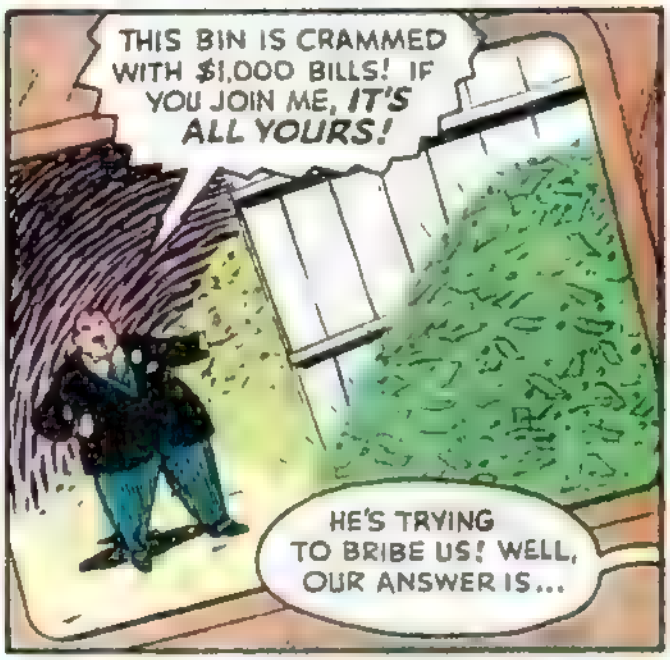
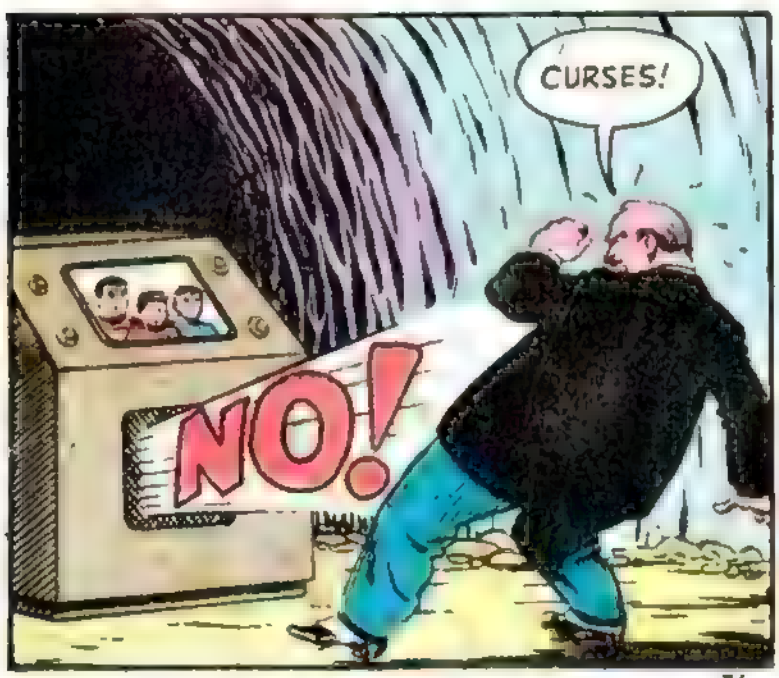
SUPER-SPECTACULAR SHAZAM!

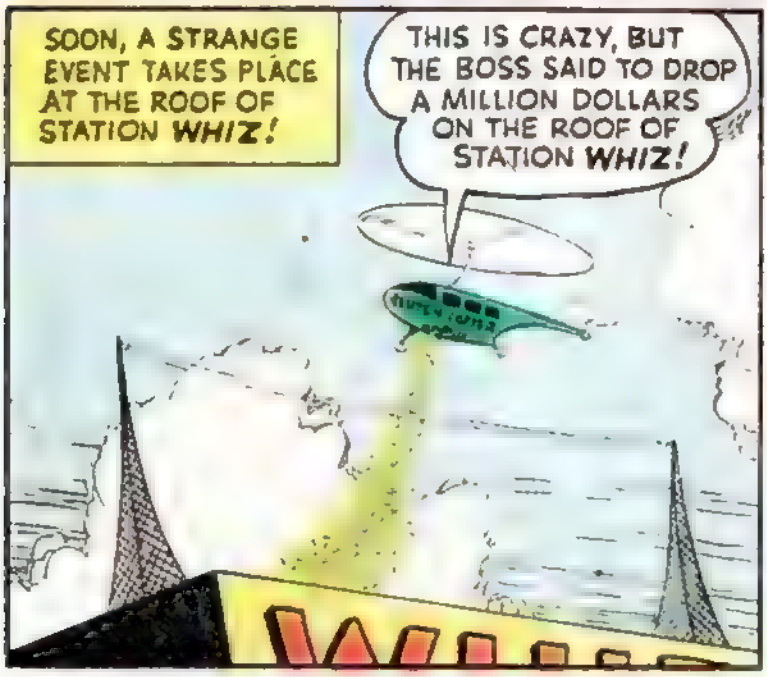



THE NEXT DAY, A STRANGE PACKAGE ARRIVES AT STATION WHIZ!
ATTENTION, MARVEL FAMILY! THIS IS A TWO-WAY TELEVISION SET, TUNED TO A PRIVATE WAVELENGTH! TUNE IT IN! COMPLIMENTS OF... Carlton Clutch

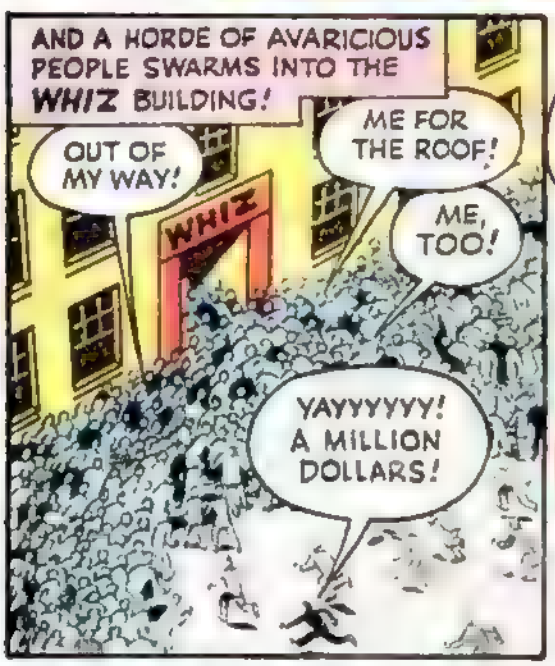


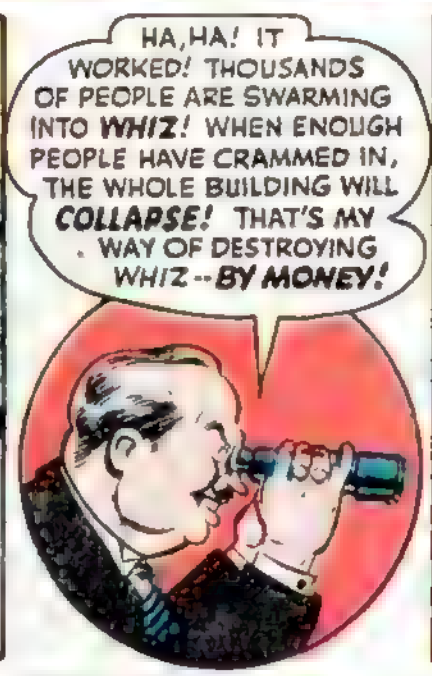


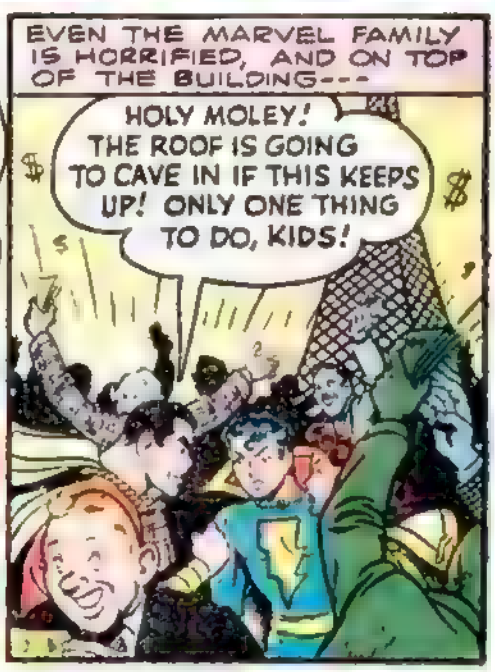



SOON, A STRANGE EVENT TAKES PLACE AT THE ROOF OF STATION WHIZ!
THIS IS CRAZY, BUT THE BOSS SAID TO DROP A MILLION DOLLARS ON THE ROOF OF STATION WHIZ!

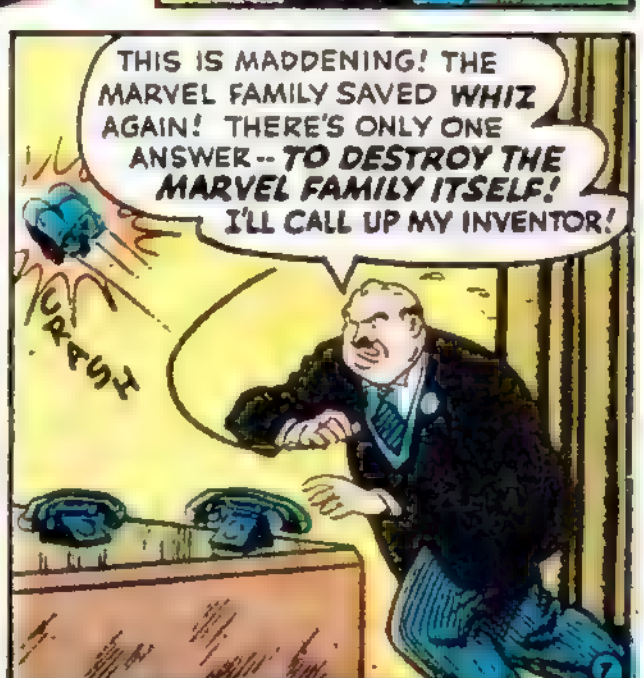
THEN HE SAID TO DROP THESE LEAFLETS IN THE STREET BELOW!
OH, BOY! IT SAYS THERE'S A MILLION DOLLARS UP ON STATION WHIZ'S ROOF, FREE FOR THE TAKING!


AND A HORDE OF AVARICIOUS PEOPLE SWARMS INTO THE WHIZ BUILDING!
OUT OF MY WAY!
ME FOR THE ROOF!
ME, TOO!
WHIZ
YAYYYYYY! A MILLION DOLLARS!


HA,HA! IT WORKED! THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ARE SWARMING INTO WHIZ! WHEN ENOUGH PEOPLE HAVE CRAMMED IN, THE WHOLE BUILDING WILL COLLAPSE! THAT'S MY WAY OF DESTROYING WHIZ--BY MONEY!


EVEN THE MARVEL FAMILY IS HORRIFIED, AND ON TOP OF THE BUILDING---
HOLY MOLEY! THE ROOF IS GOING TO CAVE IN IF THIS KEEPS UP! ONLY ONE THING TO DO, KIDS!

TAKE THIS MONEY DOWN TO THE STREET! THE CROWD WILL FOLLOW AND LEAVE STATION WHIZ!
WHIZ


THIS IS MADDENING! THE MARVEL FAMILY SAVED WHIZ AGAIN! THERE'S ONLY ONE ANSWER--TO DESTROY THE MARVEL FAMILY ITSELF!
I'LL CALL UP MY INVENTOR!
CRASH!
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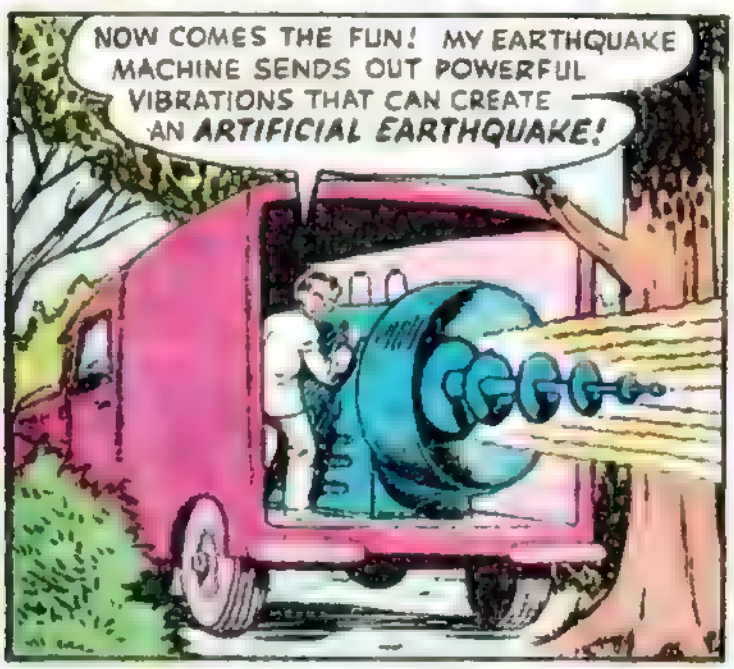
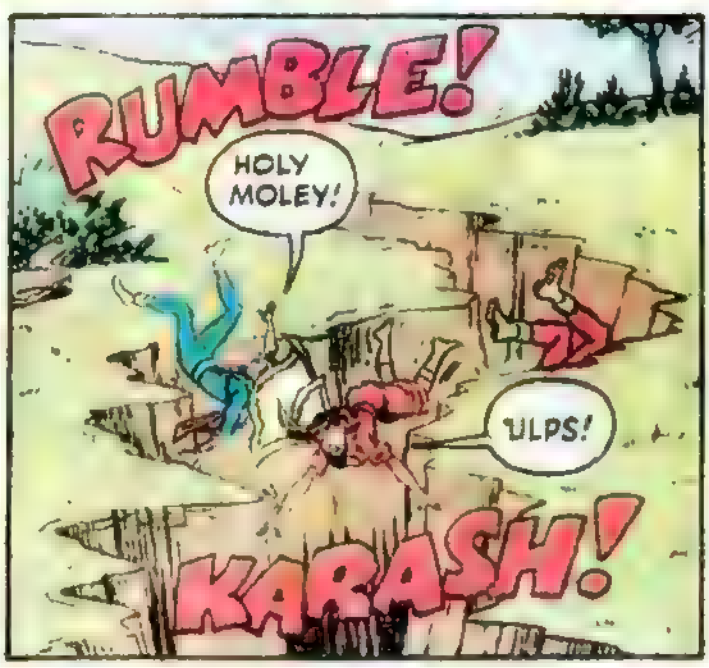
SUPER-SPECTACULAR SHAZAM!

THE NEXT DAY FINDS THE MARVEL FAMILY SPEEDING TO A STRANGE RENDEZVOUS!
WE RECEIVED A NOTE FROM CARLTON CLUTCH, SAYING HE WOULD MEET US AT THE FORK ROAD FOR A CONFERENCE!
BOY, HOW I'D LIKE TO GET MY HANDS ON HIM!





THAT'S THE END OF THE MARVEL FAMILY! I SAW THEM DROP IN THE CRACK AND IT CLOSED UP! NOW TO REPORT TO THE BOSS AND COLLECT A MILLION DOLLARS!

BUT THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST FAMILY RESISTS ALL DESTRUCTION, AND...
WE WERE CAUGHT BY SURPRISE! NOW AFTER THAT TRUCK! BUT DON'T OVERTAKE IT! MAYBE IT WILL LEAD US TO CARLTON CLUTCH!
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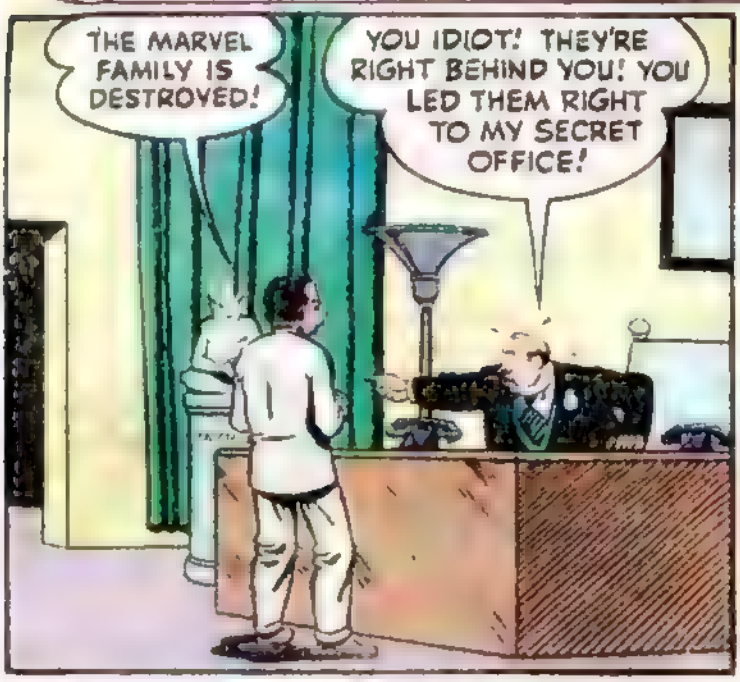
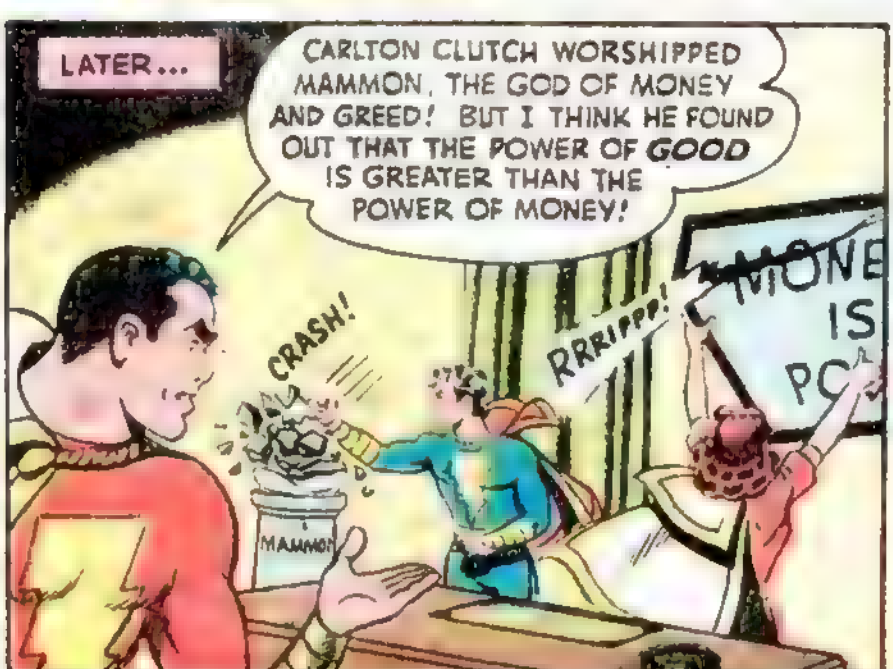
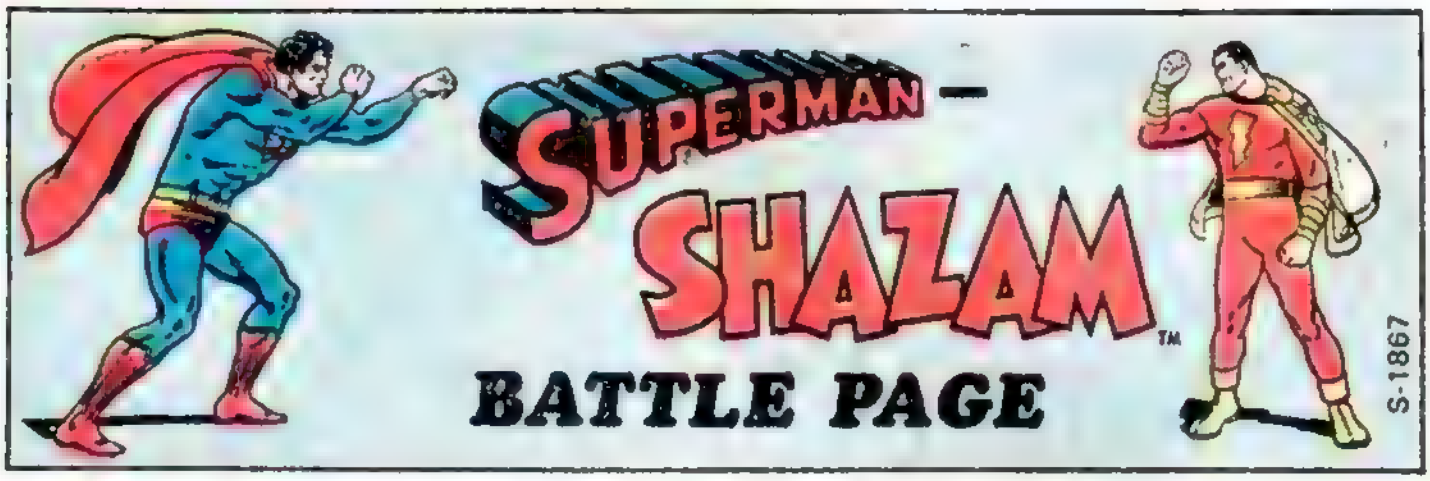
THE MARVEL FAMILY!



THIS IS THE SMALLEST BILL I HAVE! PLEASE CHANGE IT FOR ME! PLEASE! PLEASE!
ATTENDANT NOT REQUIRED TO CHANGE BILLS LARGER THAN $2
$1000
$1,000? DON'T BE SILLY! I CAN'T CHANGE THAT!


LATER...
CARLTON CLUTCH WORSHIPPED MAMMON, THE GOD OF MONEY AND GREED! BUT I THINK HE FOUND OUT THAT THE POWER OF GOOD IS GREATER THAN THE POWER OF MONEY!
CRASH!
RRRIPPP!
MAMMON

AS FOR CLUTCH'S VAST FORTUNE, HE GAINED IT THROUGH DISHONEST DEALINGS, SO IT WILL BE RETURNED TO THOSE HE SWINDLED! NOW, HE SITS BEHIND BARS, WITHOUT A PENNY TO HIS NAME!
WHIZ
THE END



Dear Editor:

My vote goes to **Captain Marvel**! **Superman** may be a more believable character, but his stories aren't, even if they do try to be relevant to the issues of the day. **Superman** is a soap-opera in comic form—trying to be serious. Re-recurring themes continue from one issue of **Superman** to another.

The **Shazam** stories, on the other hand, are fun, imaginative, mysterious, yet light-hearted; they vary greatly. Not only the stories, but the characters co-starring with the **Marvel Family** vary greatly, also. One can never see too much of **Mr. Mind** or of the **Sivana Family**. And yet it's great to see the other colorful characters who appear in **Shazam**!

The artwork in **Shazam** is more exciting than the artwork of **Superman**. To read **Superman** is to choke on cold, soggy, stale cereal. To read **Shazam** is to devour golden buckwheat pancakes drenched in butter and blueberry syrup, topped with whipped cream. It's filling, yet one always asks for more.

George Sellers, Portland, Me.

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Dear Editor:

The hero I'm for is **Superman**. You want to know why, right? Well, I'm for **Superman** because when you're reading one of his stories and you're just about to fall asleep, **boom**!—something exciting happens. But when you're reading a **Shazam** story and you're about to fall asleep, nothing exciting happens and you just fall asleep, wishing someone you know would come and call for you, or that it was time for lunch.

Albert Hsu, New York, N.Y.

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Dear Editor:

It's not a question of who's better, for no one can actually say, "He's better than him!" But if I was being held captive in a secret underground room, with ten loaded automatics trained on my head, and I had to choose between **Superman** or **Captain Marvel** to save me, I'd probably pick Cap.

My reasons are simple—I don't weigh a superhero by what he can do, but on the personality he symbolizes.

Let's say **Superman** saved me. All he'd probably do is fly away and forget I ever existed. He's too busy to be a friend to anyone other than the people he's been around for over 30 years.

Captain Marvel has to be busy, also, but it seems that he and **Billy** are always making friends and are having a good ol' time at their task of world saving.

Jim Vititow, Plattsburgh, N.Y.

Dear Editor:

I'm writing because I think something should be cleared up about this **Superman**-or-**Captain Marvel** debate. If you just peek at a **Superman** comic, then look at a **Shazam** comic, you can clearly see which is better—**Superman**! First of all, **Superman** looks more realistic. **Captain Marvel** looks too comicky. Second, **Billy Batson** sees a crime, says "**Shazam**!", hits the guy, and that's that. Now, **Clark Kent** sees a crime, but he has to think of a way to catch the crook without revealing his secret identity. Besides, the idea of a kid turning into a grown man is just sick. Then take the stories. The **Shazam** plots are boring. The jokes aren't too good either.

Smith Brittingham, Oberlin, Ohio

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Dear E.N.B.:

Superman vs. **Captain Marvel**! You are driving me crazy! One might as well argue which is better, dogs or cats. There is no way to determine who is right, because everyone has his own definition of what is "good."

Superman is king of the DC heroes. **Superman** sets the paces, maps all the routes. He is a dramatic hero, one you are supposed to partially believe in. You are supposed to feel for him, worry with him when he's in a spot, rejoice with him when, as **Clark**, he puts **Steve Lombard** down a few notches—or even feel frustration, or love with him. **Clark/Superman** is a person you are supposed to relate to. This is why **Superman** stories are usually told from his point of view.

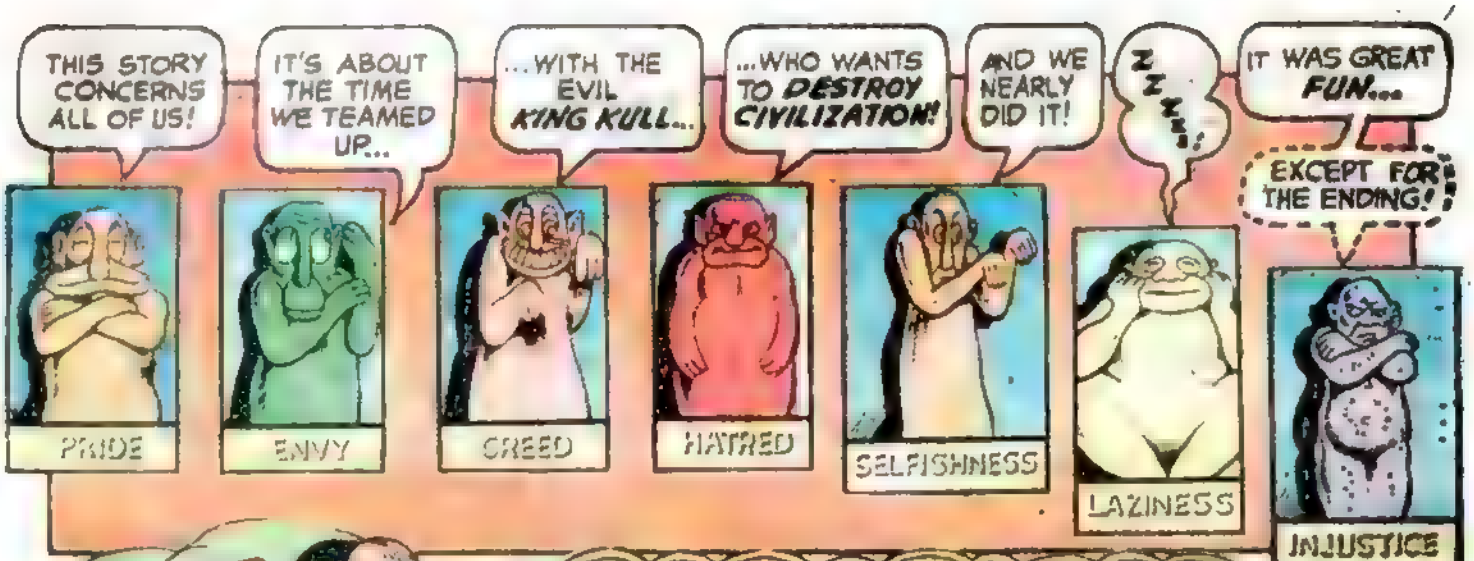
Captain Marvel is more remote. You are not supposed to feel for him. **Cap** and his cohorts will never change. They are there for you to watch, to let you escape, to amuse you. Reading **Shazam** does not demand anything on the part of the reader.

So you are dealing with two kings of two different fantasies . . . in one, you **are** the superhuman; in the other, you are entertained by the super-human. So unless you first define what is "good," on your own terms, arguing gets nothing but a big fat zero.

You're waiting for my decision? I've always sort of liked **Wonder Woman** . . . so in essence, I have solved nothing, and the battle of the super-men rages on!

Bob Rodi, Oak Brook, Ill.

Which hero is your favorite? Write and tell us! The address is SUPERMAN-SHAZAM BATTLE PAGE, National Periodical Publications, 75 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10019.

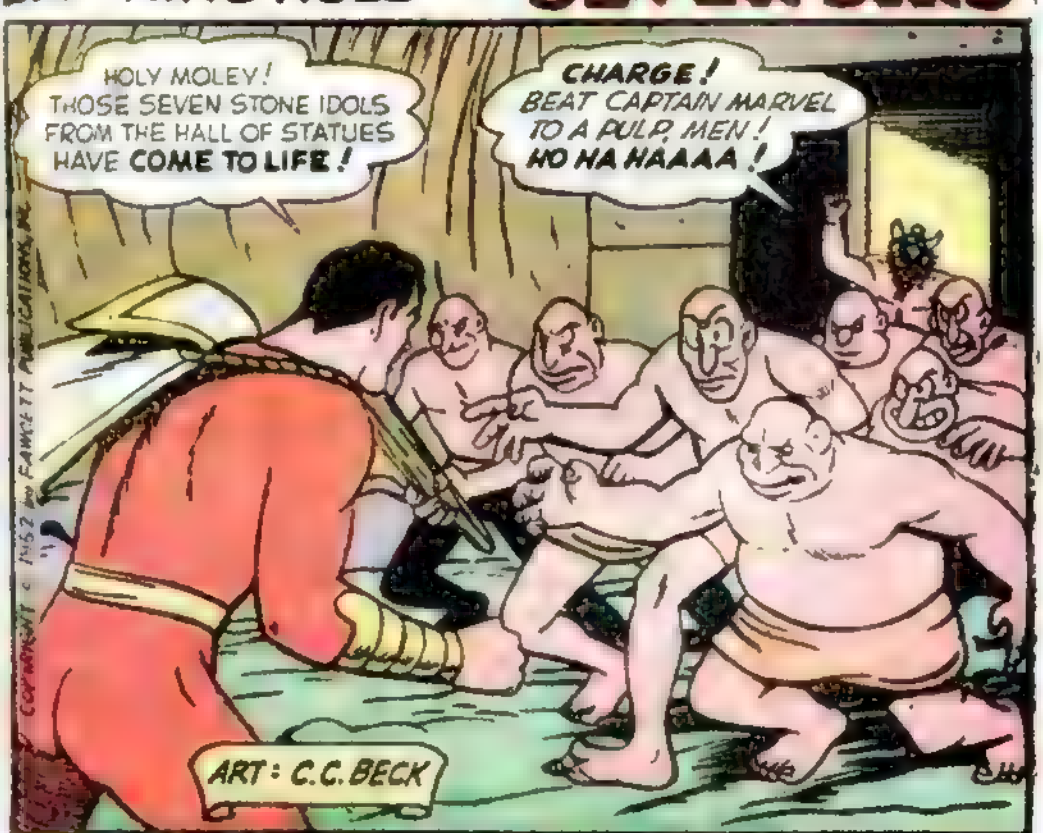


SHAZAM!

THE ORIGINAL CAPTAIN MARVEL

BATTLES KING KULL AND THE SEVEN SINS

WHENEVER BILLY BATSON, FAMOUS BOY NEWSCASTER, SAYS THE WORD "SHAZAM" HE IS MIRACULOUSLY CHANGED INTO POWERFUL **CAPTAIN MARVEL**, THE **WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL**, WHO COMBINES IN HIS MIGHTY PHYSIQUE THE POWERS OF SIX OF THE MIGHTIEST HEROES OF ALL TIME!


HOLY MOLEY! THOSE SEVEN STONE IDOLS FROM THE HALL OF STATUES HAVE **COME TO LIFE!**
CHARGE! BEAT CAPTAIN MARVEL TO A PULP, MEN! **HO HA HAAAA!**
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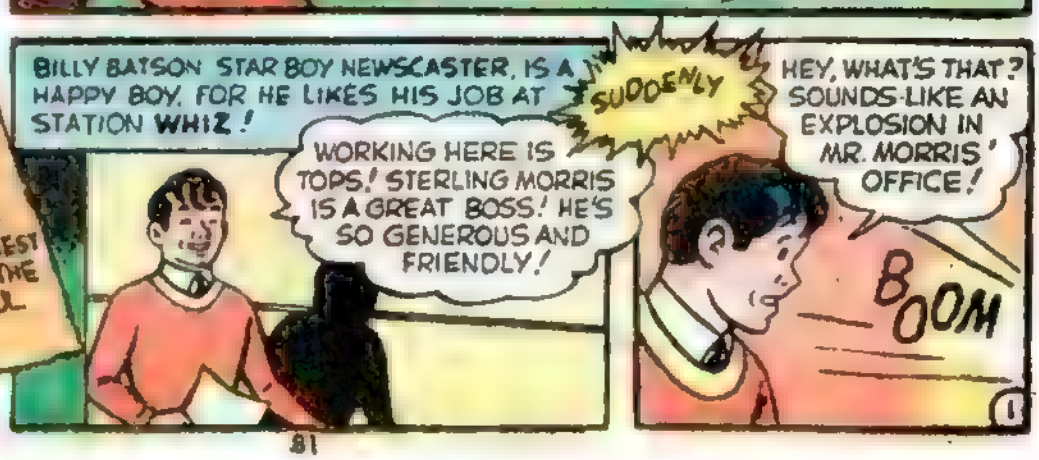
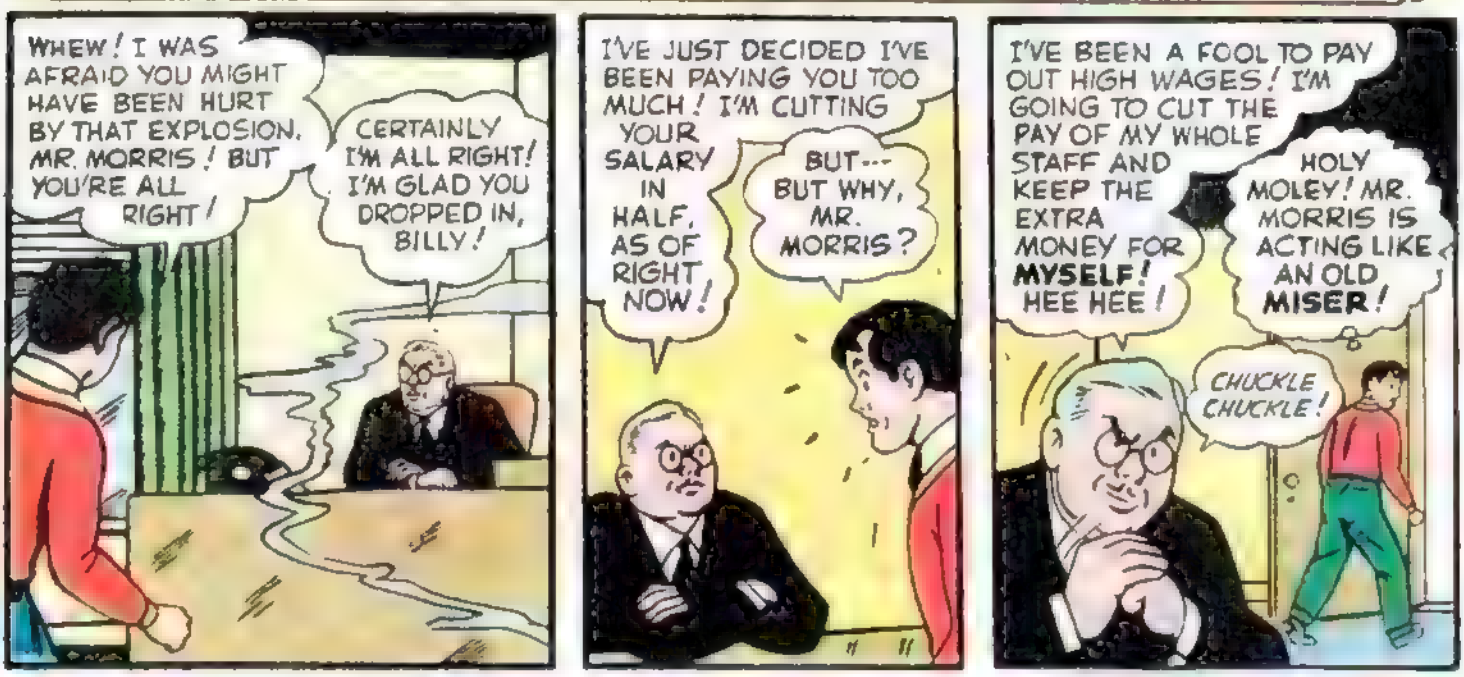
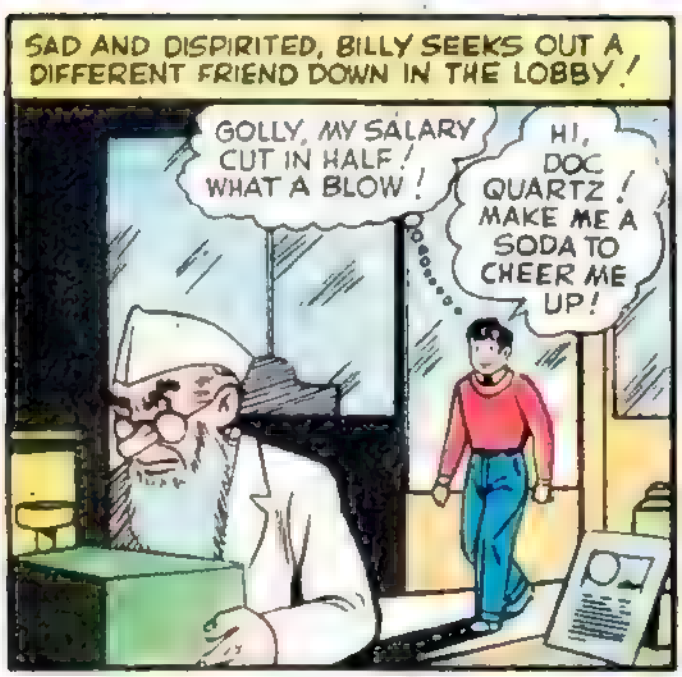
KING KULL---A NAME AT WHICH TO SHUDDER! FOR THIS EVIL BEASTMAN, SOLE SURVIVOR OF A PRE-HISTORIC RACE OF SUB-MEN, LIVES MAGICALLY ON THROUGH THE AGES, TRYING TO DESTROY ALL HUMANKIND!

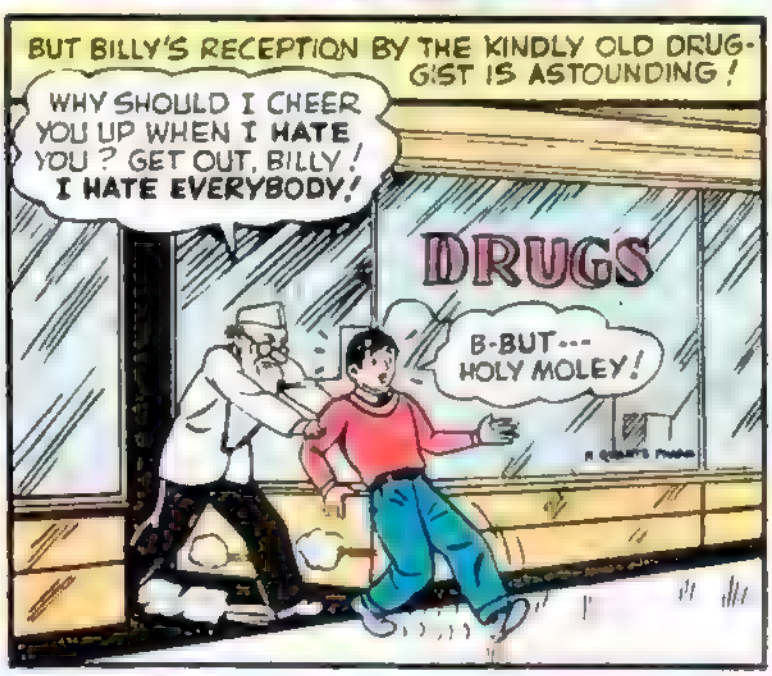
EVEN THE POWERS OF CAPTAIN MARVEL, MIGHTIEST OF MEN, ARE TAXED TO THE UTMOST BY THIS AWFUL BEING!

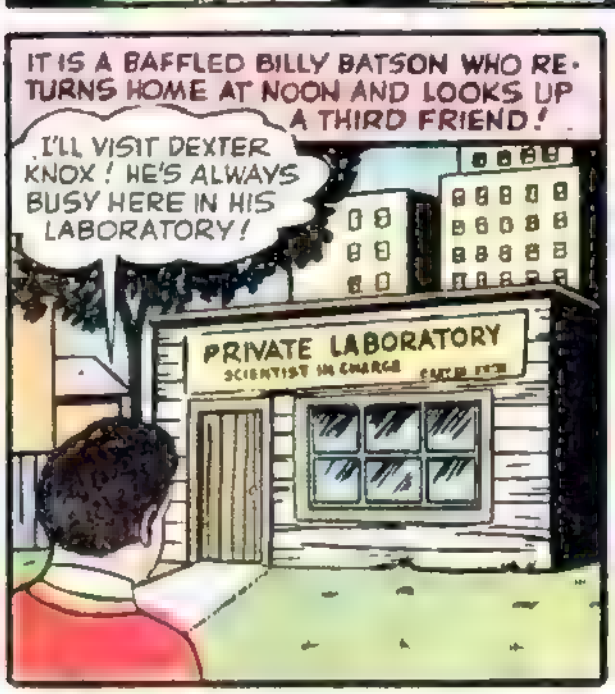

BILLY BATSON STAR BOY NEWSCASTER, IS A HAPPY BOY, FOR HE LIKES HIS JOB AT STATION **WHIZ!**
WORKING HERE IS TOPS! STERLING MORRIS IS A GREAT BOSS! HE'S SO GENEROUS AND FRIENDLY!
SUDDENLY
HEY, WHAT'S THAT? SOUNDS LIKE AN EXPLOSION IN MR. MORRIS' OFFICE!
BOOM

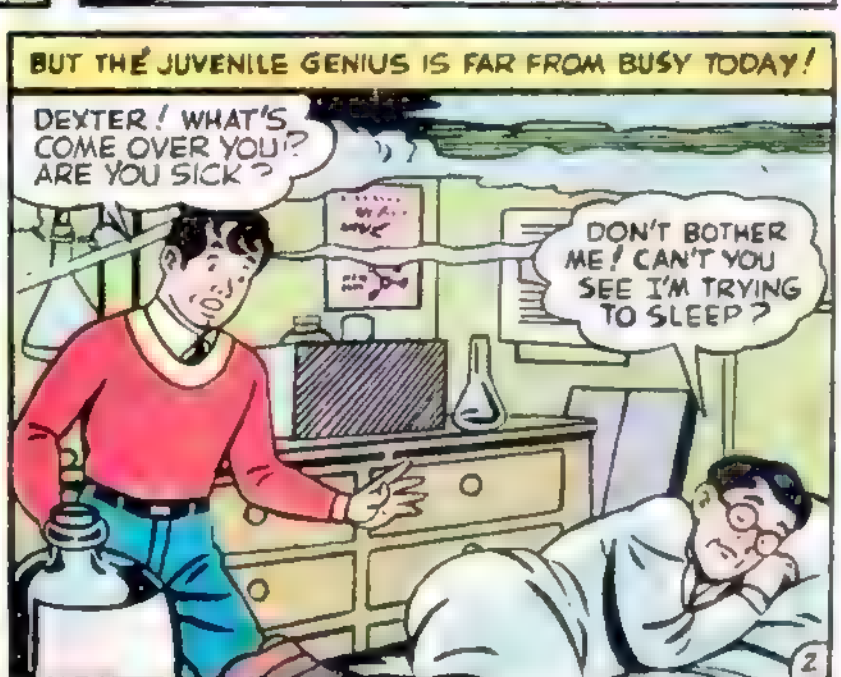
SUPER-SPECTACULAR SHAZAM!


WHEW! I WAS AFRAID YOU MIGHT HAVE BEEN HURT BY THAT EXPLOSION, MR. MORRIS! BUT YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!
CERTAINLY I'M ALL RIGHT! I'M GLAD YOU DROPPED IN, BILLY!
I'VE JUST DECIDED I'VE BEEN PAYING YOU TOO MUCH! I'M CUTTING YOUR SALARY IN HALF, AS OF RIGHT NOW!
BUT--- BUT WHY, MR. MORRIS?
I'VE BEEN A FOOL TO PAY OUT HIGH WAGES! I'M GOING TO CUT THE PAY OF MY WHOLE STAFF AND KEEP THE EXTRA MONEY FOR MYSELF! HEE HEE!
HOLY MOLEY! MR. MORRIS IS ACTING LIKE AN OLD MISER!
CHUCKLE CHUCKLE!


SAD AND DISPIRITED, BILLY SEEKS OUT A DIFFERENT FRIEND DOWN IN THE LOBBY!
GOLLY, MY SALARY CUT IN HALF! WHAT A BLOW!
HI, DOC QUARTZ! MAKE ME A SODA TO CHEER ME UP!


BUT BILLY'S RECEPTION BY THE KINDLY OLD DRUGGIST IS ASTOUNDING!
WHY SHOULD I CHEER YOU UP WHEN I HATE YOU? GET OUT, BILLY! I HATE EVERYBODY!
DRUGS
B-BUT--- HOLY MOLEY!


IT IS A BAFFLED BILLY BATSON WHO RETURNS HOME AT NOON AND LOOKS UP A THIRD FRIEND!
I'LL VISIT DEXTER KNOX! HE'S ALWAYS BUSY HERE IN HIS LABORATORY!
PRIVATE LABORATORY
SCIENTIST IN CHARGE


BUT THE JUVENILE GENIUS IS FAR FROM BUSY TODAY!
DEXTER! WHAT'S COME OVER YOU? ARE YOU SICK?
DON'T BOTHER ME! CAN'T YOU SEE I'M TRYING TO SLEEP?
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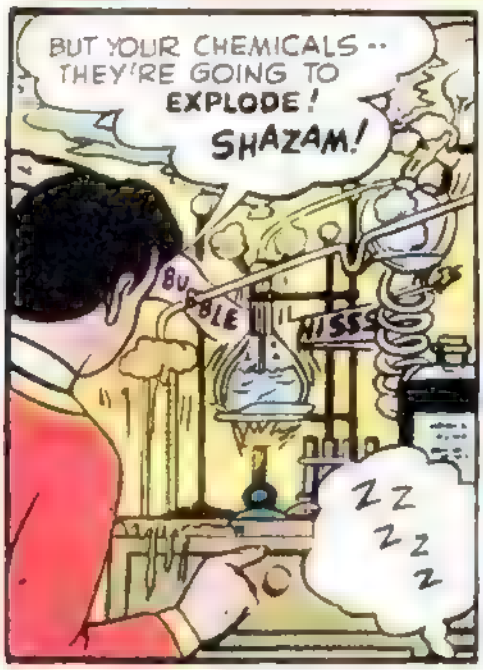
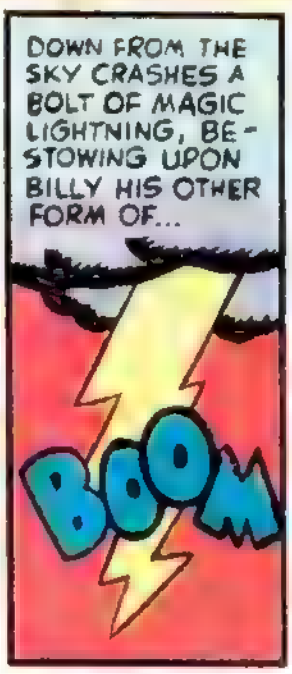
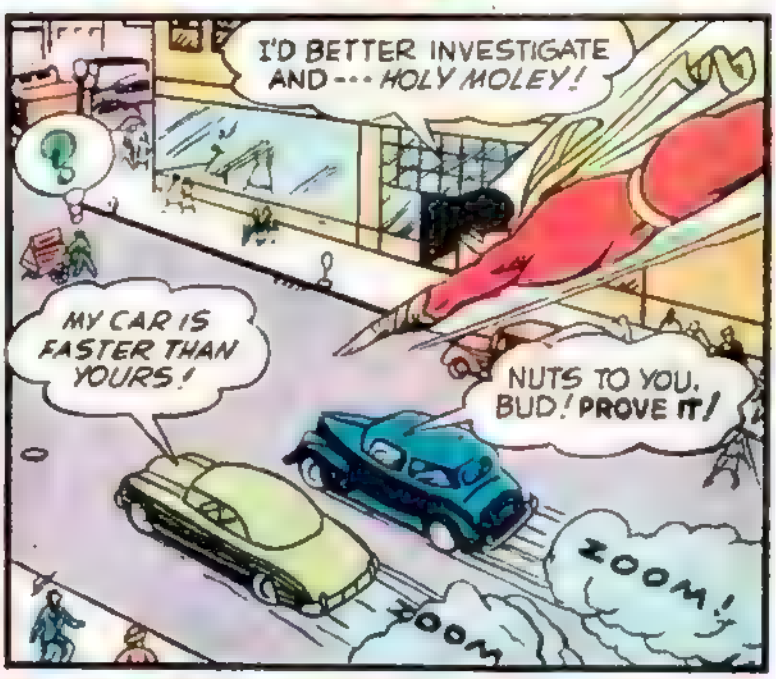
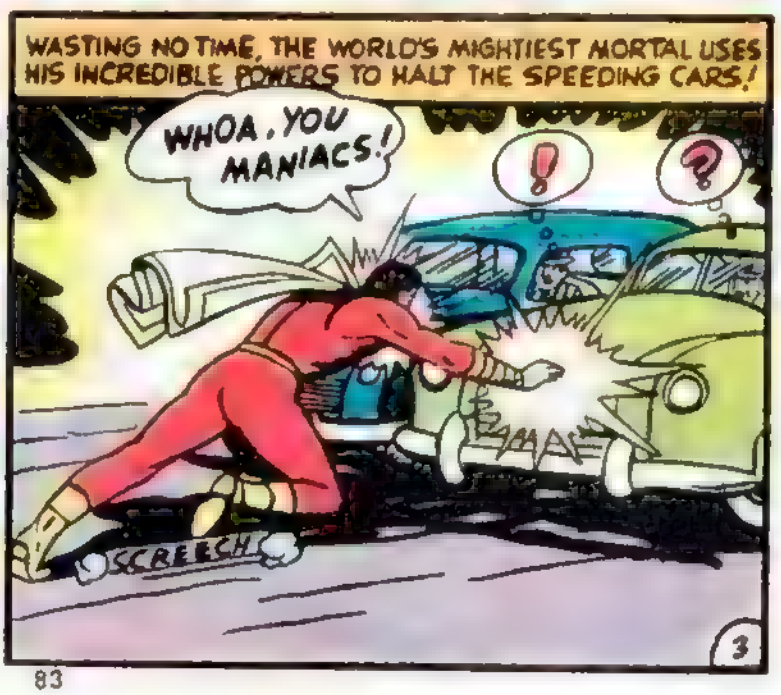
CAPTAIN MARVEL





WHAT IN THE WORLD HAS HAPPENED TO EVERYBODY? MR. MORRIS IS GREEDY, DOC QUARTZ IS FULL OF HATRED, DEXTER KNOX IS LAZY! THIS IS ADDING UP TO SOMETHING --- OH OH! ANOTHER EXPLOSION!
BOOM




WASTING NO TIME, THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL USES HIS INCREDIBLE POWERS TO HALT THE SPEEDING CARS!
WHOA, YOU MANIACS!
SCREECH
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SUPER-SPECTACULAR SHAZAM!

MY CAR IS STILL BETTER THAN YOURS!
BAH! IT'S A HEAP OF JUNK!
STUPID PRIDE SENT THEM OFF ON THAT WILD RACE! WAIT! DOES THIS MEAN---?
GREED! HATRED! LAZINESS! PRIDE! FOUR OF THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS! IS THIS PART OF SOME UNEARTHLY PLOT?
POSSESSED OF THE WISDOM OF SOLOMON, CAPTAIN MARVEL'S KEEN MIND NOW SEES THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE RECENT EVENTS!
BUT WHO'S BEHIND THIS? WHAT DO THESE BOMB FRAGMENTS MEAN? THAT LAUGH---!
HA HO HAA
KING KULL, THE BEASTMAN!
HO HAA! THESE SIN BOMBS WORK BETTER THAN I EXPECTED!
SIN BOMBS? WHAT FRIGHTFUL THINGS ARE THEY? TALK, BEASTMAN!
UMP
BAM
THEY WORK BY BLACK MAGIC, UNLEASHING THE SEVEN SINS IN HUMAN HEARTS! IF ANYTHING CAN WRECK CIVILIZATION, THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS CAN!
WHERE DID YOU GET THEM?
WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO KNOW? OUT OF MY WAY, MORTAL! I'M NO CREAM PUFF, YOU KNOW!
OOF!
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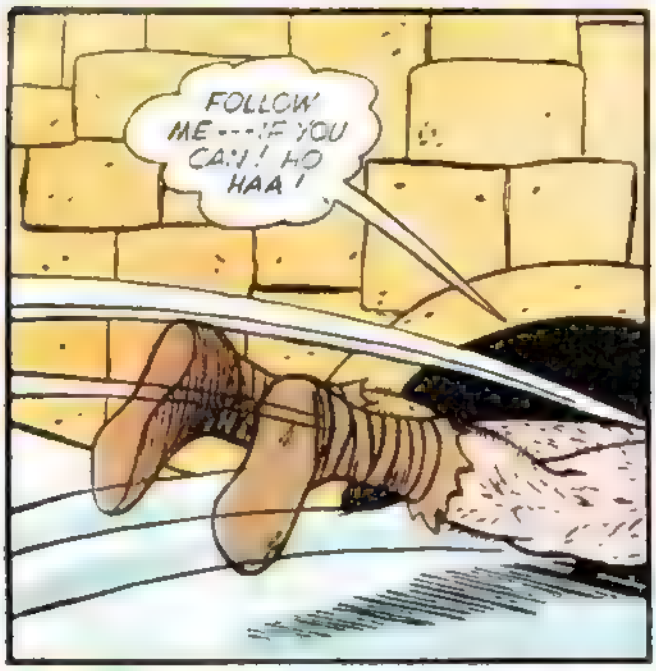
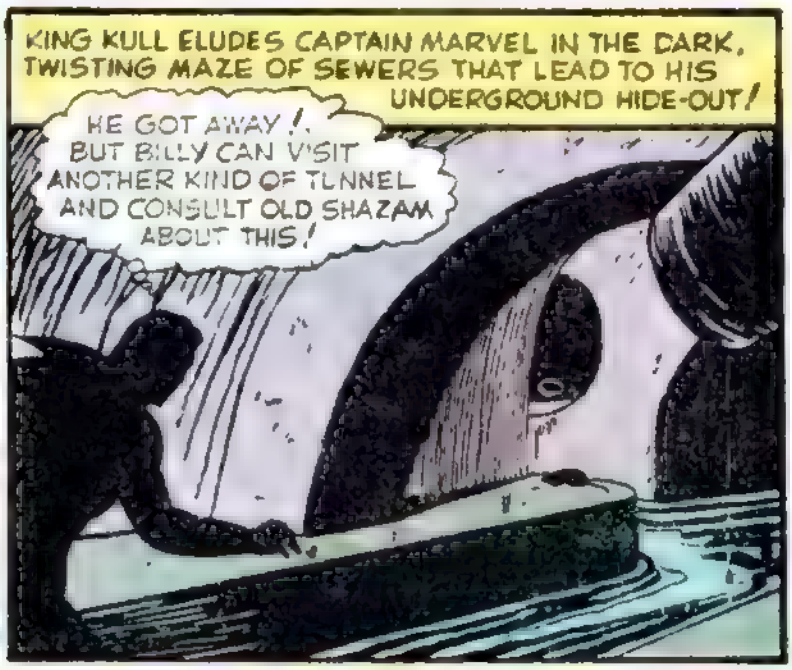
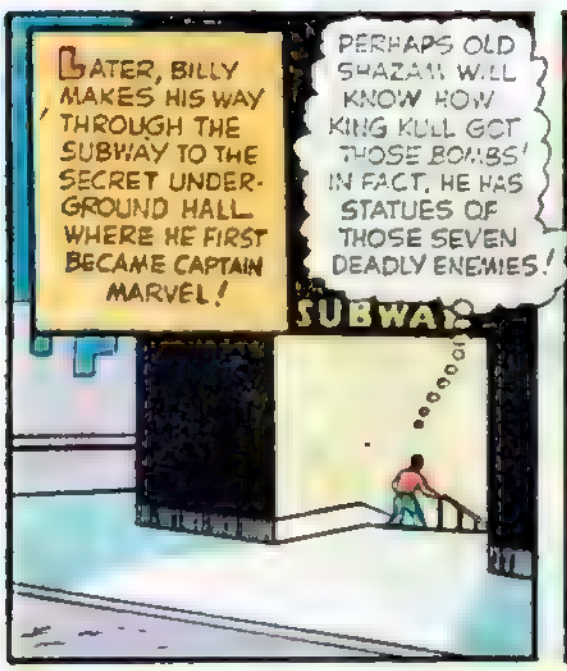
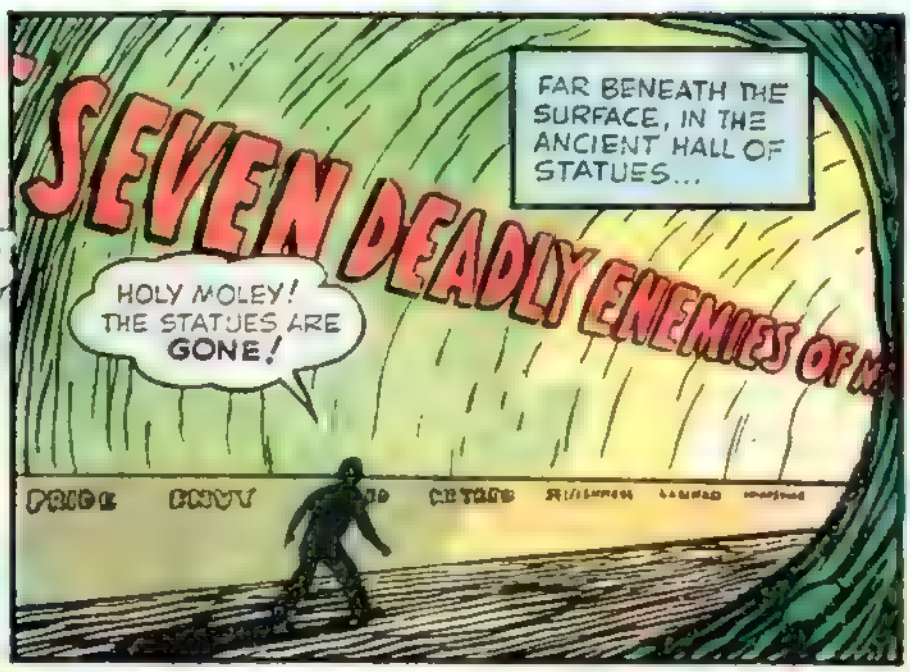
CAPTAIN MARVEL

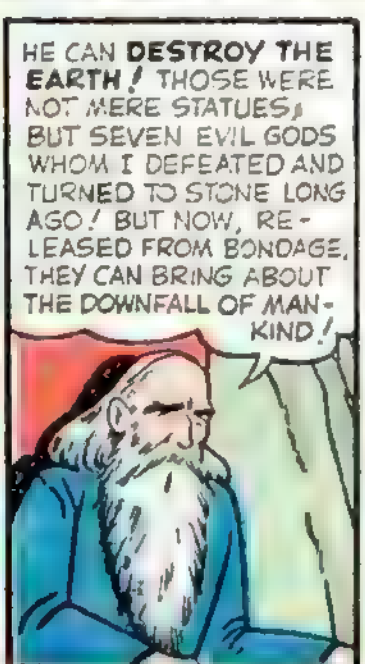



KING KULL ELUDES CAPTAIN MARVEL IN THE DARK, TWISTING MAZE OF SEWERS THAT LEAD TO HIS UNDERGROUND HIDE-OUT!
HE GOT AWAY!. BUT BILLY CAN VISIT ANOTHER KIND OF TUNNEL AND CONSULT OLD SHAZAM ABOUT THIS!


LATER, BILLY MAKES HIS WAY THROUGH THE SUBWAY TO THE SECRET UNDERGROUND HALL WHERE HE FIRST BECAME CAPTAIN MARVEL!
PERHAPS OLD SHAZAM WILL KNOW HOW KING KULL GOT THOSE BOMBS! IN FACT, HE HAS STATUES OF THOSE SEVEN DEADLY ENEMIES!
SUBWAY

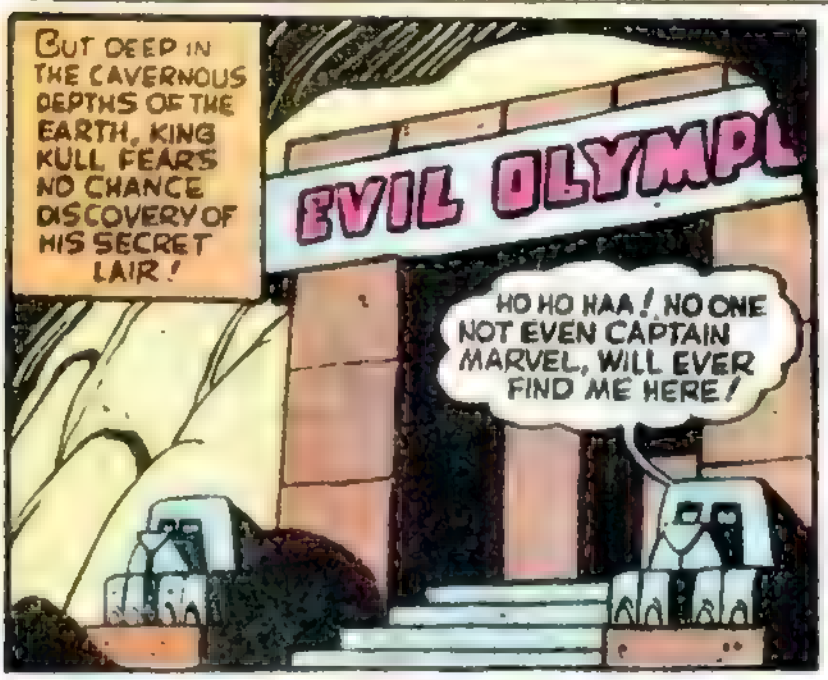


A SOLEMN VOICE NOW ECHOES IN BILLY'S EAR, AS THE SPIRIT OF THE ANCIENT WIZARD COMES FORTH
YES, MY SON! KING KULL CREPT HERE AND BROUGHT THE STATUES BACK TO EVIL LIFE!
I SEE, GREAT SIR! CAN HE DO MUCH HARM WITH THEIR HELP?


HE CAN DESTROY THE EARTH! THOSE WERE NOT MERE STATUES, BUT SEVEN EVIL GODS WHOM I DEFEATED AND TURNED TO STONE LONG AGO! BUT NOW, RELEASED FROM BONDAGE, THEY CAN BRING ABOUT THE DOWNFALL OF MANKIND!

KING KULL HAS FORMED HIS OWN EVIL OLYMPUS WITH THE SEVEN SINFUL GODS! YOU MUST FIND AND STOP THEM, OR THE WORLD IS DOOMED!
YES, SIRE! CAPTAIN MARVEL AND I WILL DO OUR JOB! WE'LL FIND THE EVIL OLYMPUS SOMEHOW!

SUPER-SPECTACULAR SHAZAM!


BUT DEEP IN THE CAVERNOUS DEPTHS OF THE EARTH, KING KULL FEARS NO CHANCE DISCOVERY OF HIS SECRET LAIR!
EVIL OLYMPU
HO HO HAA! NO ONE NOT EVEN CAPTAIN MARVEL, WILL EVER FIND ME HERE!

THE NEXT FEW DAYS ARE DAYS OF MOUNTING HORROR FOR BILLY AND THE WORLD!
THIS IS AWFUL! GREED AND HATRED AND THE OTHER SINS HAVE TURNED PEOPLE WILD! LAW AND ORDER ARE BREAKING DOWN ALL OVER EARTH!
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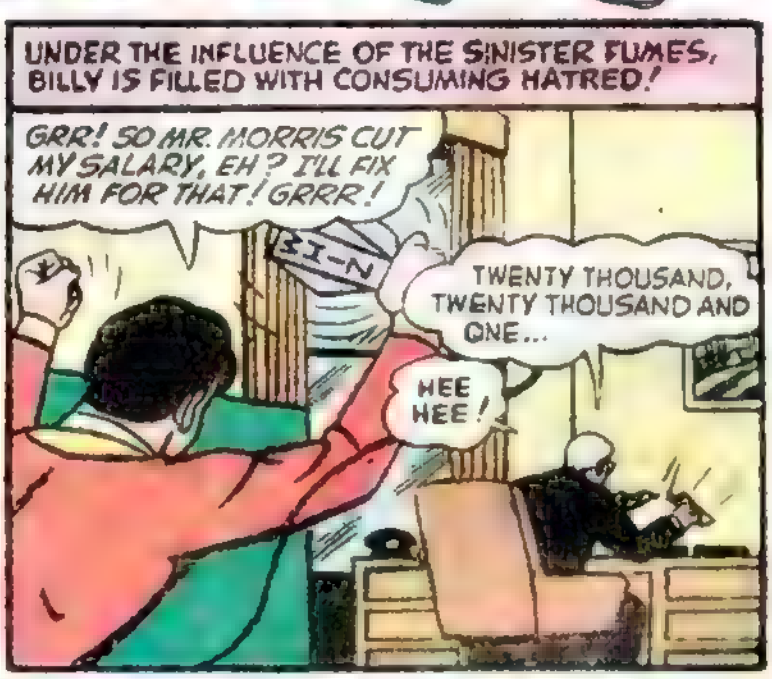
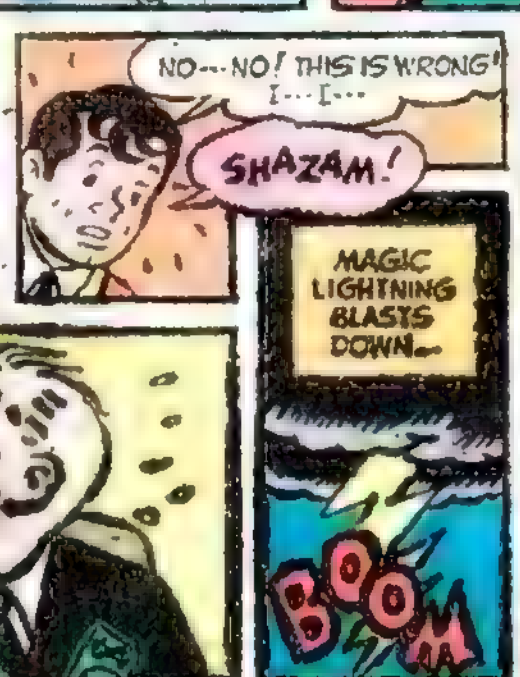
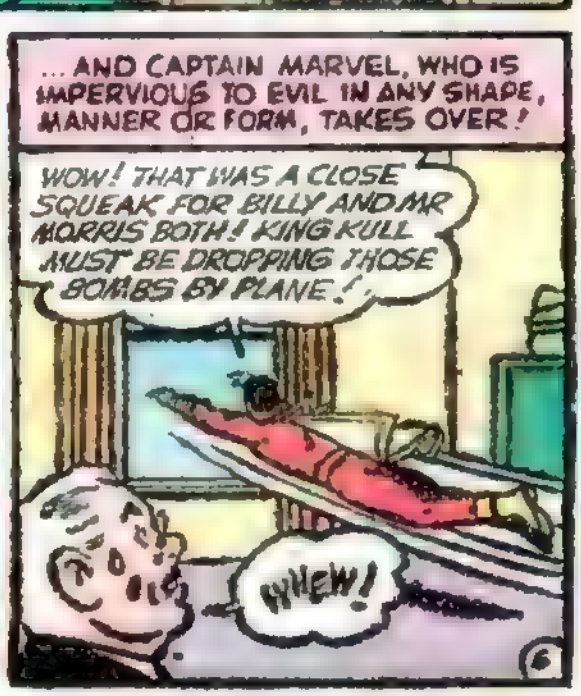

UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF THE SINISTER FUMES, BILLY IS FILLED WITH CONSUMING HATRED!
GRR! SO MR. MORRIS CUT MY SALARY, EH? I'LL FIX HIM FOR THAT! GRRR!
SI-N
TWENTY THOUSAND, TWENTY THOUSAND AND ONE...
HEE HEE!




...AND CAPTAIN MARVEL, WHO IS IMPERVIOUS TO EVIL IN ANY SHAPE, MANNER OR FORM, TAKES OVER!
WOW! THAT WAS A CLOSE SQUEAK FOR BILLY AND MR MORRIS BOTH! KING KULL MUST BE DROPPING THOSE BOMBS BY PLANE!
WHEW!
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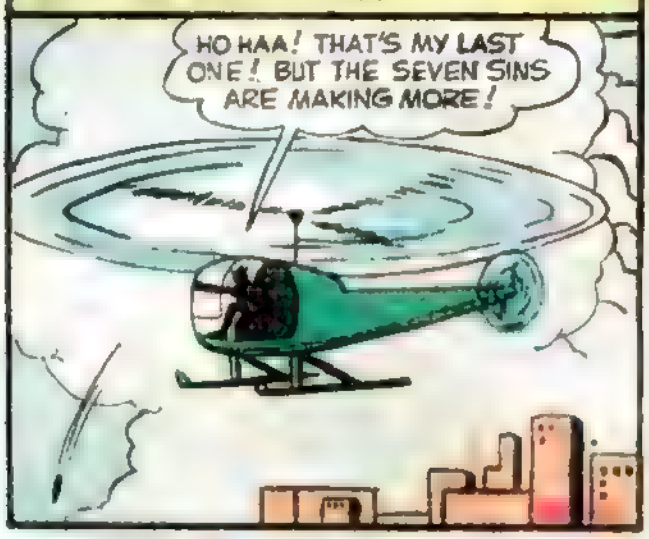
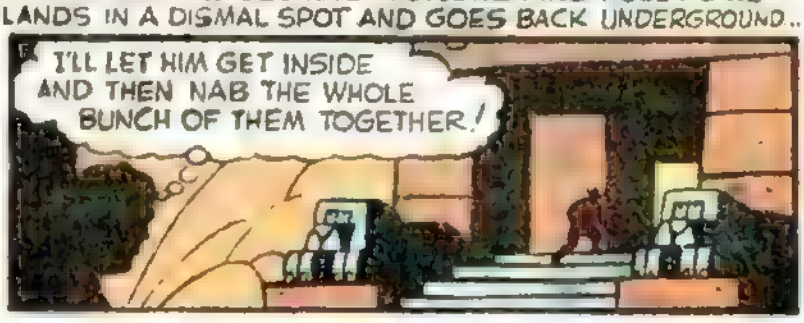
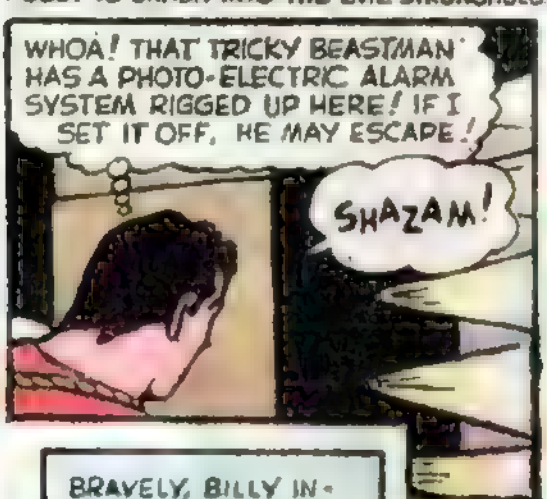
CAPTAIN MARVEL

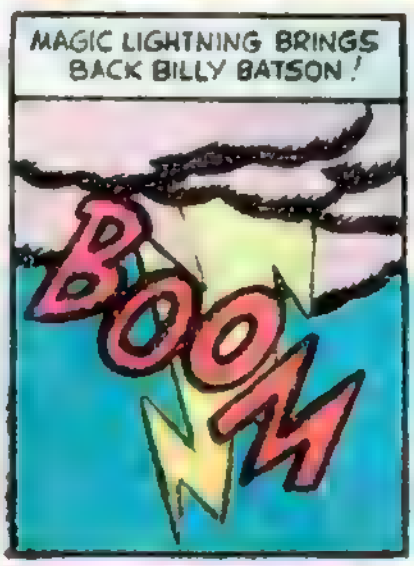

THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL IS NOT WRONG! HOVERING OVER THE CITY IN A STOLEN HELICOPTER IS THE LAST OF THE BEASTMEN, GLEEFULLY DROPPING HIS EVIL BOMBS!
HO HAA! THAT'S MY LAST ONE! BUT THE SEVEN SINS ARE MAKING MORE!

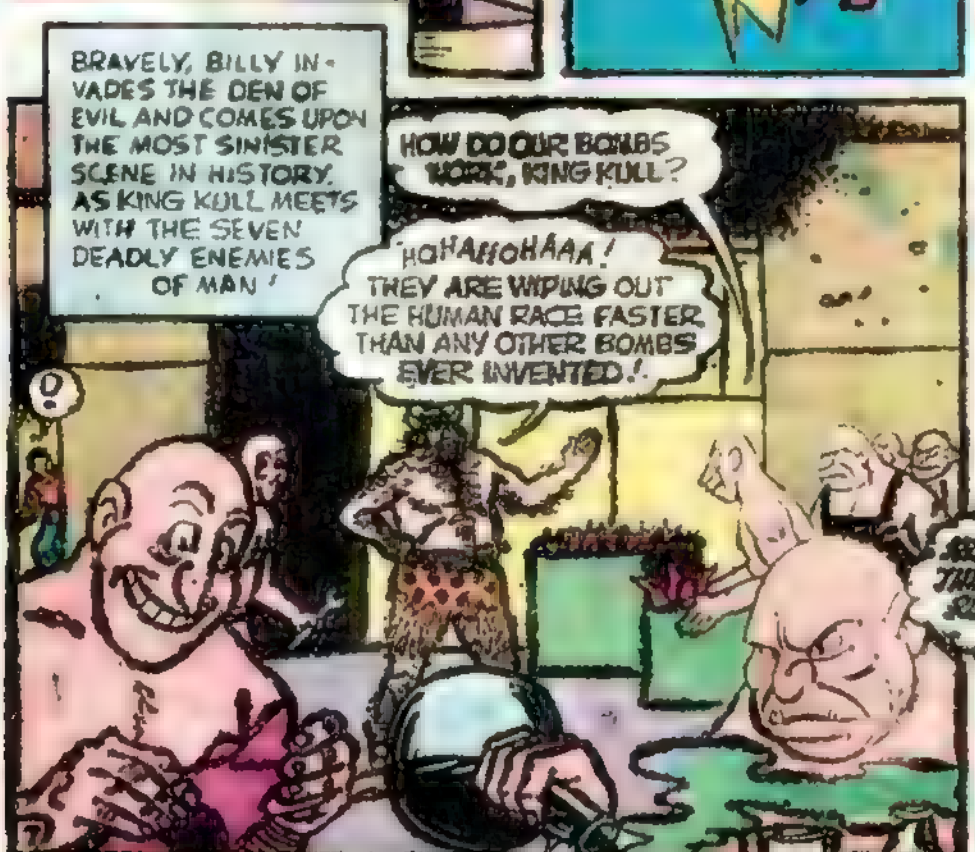
CAPTAIN MARVEL SECRETLY FOLLOWS KING KULL AS HE LANDS IN A DISMAL SPOT AND GOES BACK UNDERGROUND..



BUT JUST AS THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MAN IS ABOUT TO CRASH INTO THE EVIL STRONGHOLD






BRAVELY, BILLY INVADES THE DEN OF EVIL AND COMES UPON THE MOST SINISTER SCENE IN HISTORY, AS KING KULL MEETS WITH THE SEVEN DEADLY ENEMIES OF MAN!
HOW DO OUR BOMBS WORK, KING KULL?
HOHAHOHAAA! THEY ARE WIPING OUT THE HUMAN RACE FASTER THAN ANY OTHER BOMBS EVER INVENTED!
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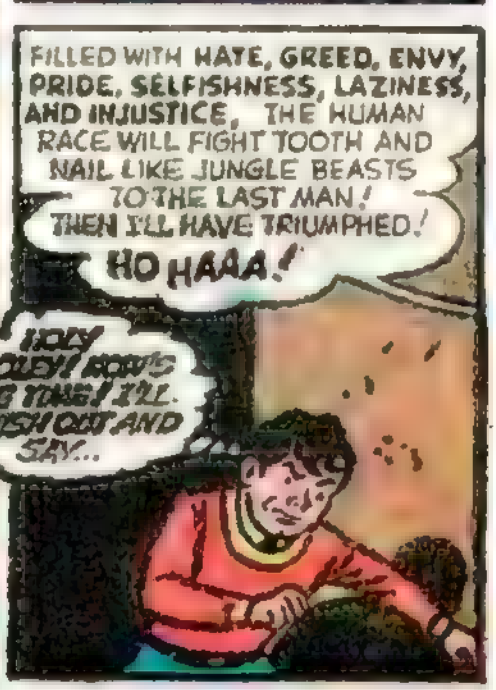
FILLED WITH HATE, GREED, ENVY, PRIDE, SELFISHNESS, LAZINESS, AND INJUSTICE, THE HUMAN RACE WILL FIGHT TOOTH AND NAIL LIKE JUNGLE BEASTS TO THE LAST MAN! THEN I'LL HAVE TRIUMPHED!
HO HAAA!
HOLY MOLEY! NOW'S THE TIME! I'LL RUSH OUT AND SAY...

SUPER-SPECTACULAR SHAZAM!

BUT AS BILLY RUNS FORWARD HIS FOOT HITS A STRAY BOMB, AND...

SHAZ-- OOF!

A SNOOPER! GRAB HIM!

CLONK

I'VE GOT HIM!

HO HA! MY LIFE-RAY GUN BROUGHT STONE STATUES TO LIFE! BUT IT CAN ALSO DO THE REVERSE! I'LL TURN YOU TO STONE!

BUT BRAVE BILLY NEVER GIVES UP. NO MATTER HOW GREAT THE ODDS AGAINST HIM!

YOW!

CHOMP!

BOP

MY GUN...!

GRRR! I'LL MANGLE YOU WITH MY BARE HANDS!

SHAZAM!

POW

DOWN, KING KULL! DOWN, BOY! I NEED YOUR RAY GUN TO TURN THE EVIL SEVEN BACK TO STONE!

IN ACTION ONCE AGAIN, CAPTAIN MARVEL QUICKLY GAINS THE UPPER HAND!

BONG

RUN! IT'S CAPTAIN MARVEL!

GHAA!

LATER, IN OLD SHAZAM'S SECRET HALL...

I'VE PUT THE SEVEN DEADLY ENEMIES OF MAN BACK WHERE THEY BELONG! NOW TO HAUL KING KULL BEFORE THE PROPER AUTHORITIES!

WELL DONE, MY SON!

THE SEVEN DEADLY ENEMIES OF MAN

PRIDE

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FINALLY, AT STATION WHIZ...

FORGIVE ME, BILLY! I NOT ONLY RESTORE YOUR FULL SALARY, BUT YOU GET A RAISE, TOO!

JEEPERS, MR MORRIS! THANKS A MILLION! IT SURE IS GREAT TO WORK FOR A MAN LIKE YOU!

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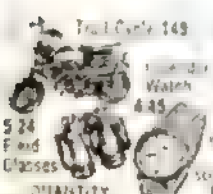

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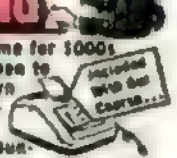

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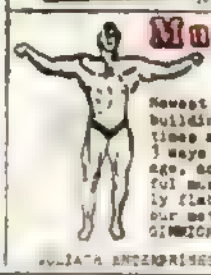

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THE
Mary Marvel
SHAZAM GIRL
IF MARY MARVEL CAN FIGHT CROOKS, SO CAN I!
HOLY MOLEY! JUDY'S LIABLE TO GET HURT!
ENVY
MY NAME IS KITZEL! AND THAT'S MY MISTRESS, JUDY LANE, WHO'S BEEN DRIVEN BY HER ENVY OF MARY MARVEL TO DO SOMETHING FOOLISH! LISTEN, FRIEND-- AS I TELL YOU ABOUT JUDY AND...
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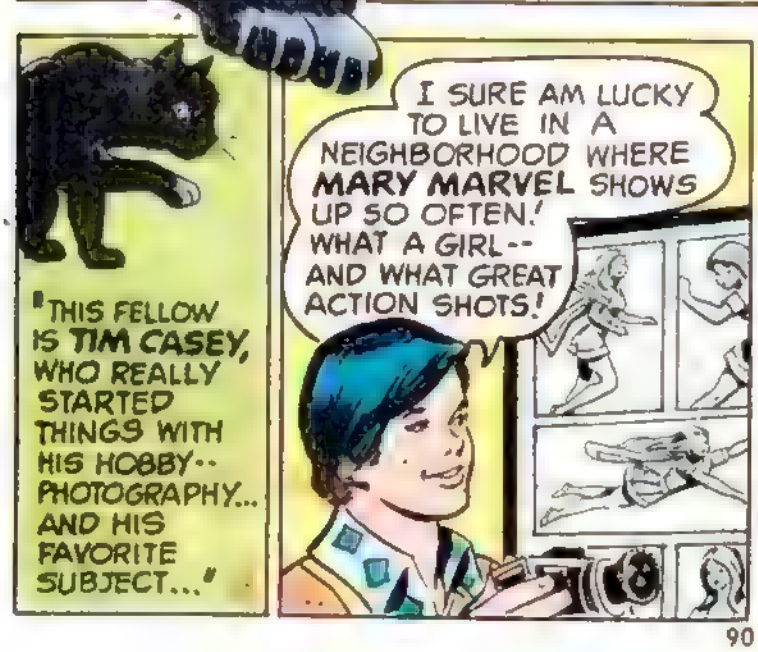
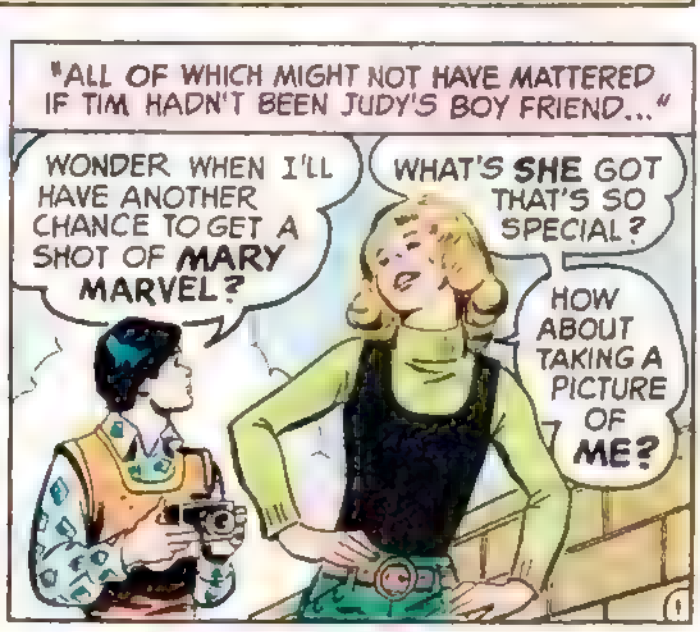

"THIS FELLOW IS TIM CASEY, WHO REALLY STARTED THINGS WITH HIS HOBBY-- PHOTOGRAPHY... AND HIS FAVORITE SUBJECT..."
I SURE AM LUCKY TO LIVE IN A NEIGHBORHOOD WHERE MARY MARVEL SHOWS UP SO OFTEN! WHAT A GIRL-- AND WHAT GREAT ACTION SHOTS!


"ALL OF WHICH MIGHT NOT HAVE MATTERED IF TIM HADN'T BEEN JUDY'S BOY FRIEND..."
WONDER WHEN I'LL HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE TO GET A SHOT OF MARY MARVEL?
WHAT'S SHE GOT THAT'S SO SPECIAL?
HOW ABOUT TAKING A PICTURE OF ME?

"BOTH THESE KIDS WERE FRIENDS OF MARY BATSON... AND SHE DROPPED BY AT THE LANE HOME THIS PARTICULAR DAY..."
GLAD YOU CAME, MARY!
MOTHER WAS COMING TO YOUR MOM'S GARDEN PARTY, SO I DECIDED TO TAG ALONG!
"I WONDER HOW 'GLAD' JUDY WOULD'VE BEEN IF SHE'D KNOWN MARY BATSON WAS-- BUT I'M GETTING AHEAD OF MY STORY..."
TAKE ANY GOOD PICTURES LATELY, TIM?
I'LL SAY! LAST WEEK I GOT A SENSATIONAL FLYING SHOT OF MARY MARVEL!
HMMMFF!
"RIGHT ABOUT THEN THINGS STARTED TO GET HAIRIER THAN MY TAIL..."
OKAY, EVERYBODY... HAND OVER YOUR CASH AND JEWELS!
A ROBBERY! SOMEBODY DO SOMETHING!
I'LL GET A PICTURE OF THE CROOKS!
SHAZAM!
PFFTTTT!
"MOST HUMANS NEVER CATCH ON, BUT I KNEW THAT MAGIC WORD MARY SAID WOULD BRING MYSTIC LIGHTNING TO CHANGE HER INTO..."
"...MARY MARVEL, THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST GIRL!"
YEOW!
LOOK, WHO'S CRASHED THE PARTY-- THE MARVEL DAME!
OH, BOY! HERE'S WHERE I GET SOME TERRIFIC ACTION SHOTS!
WHAT'S SO TERRIFIC ABOUT HER? I CAN HIT A CROOK AS GOOD AS SHE CAN!
HA! YA' MISSED!
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"YEP, HER ENVY OF MARY MARVEL CAUSED JUDY TO WADE INTO THAT THUG... WHICH WAS A BIG MISTAKE..."
C'MERE, GIRLIE! YOU'RE OUR TICKET OUTA HERE!
BACK OFF, MARY MARVEL-- OR THIS BABE GETS VENTILATED!
NOW... EVERYBODY HAND OVER YOUR CASH AND GEMS!
GULP! I CAN'T LET JUDY BE SHOT!
IN YOU GO, KID!
DON'T NOBODY FOLLOW US-- 'SPECIALLY YOU, MARY MARVEL!
"AS THE CROOKS DROVE AWAY, SOMEONE TOOK A SHOT AT THEM, BUT NOT WITH A GUN..."
QUICK, TIM! SNAP A PICTURE OF THAT CAR!
OKAY-- BUT WHAT GOOD WILL THAT DO?
WE'LL HAVE THEIR LICENSE NUMBER!
MAY I USE YOUR DARKROOM?
SURE! I'LL SHOW YOU WHERE IT IS...
DON'T BOTHER! I ALREADY KNOW ITS LOCATION!
HUNH! I WONDER HOW?
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" HUMANS CAN BE PRETTY DUMB! THEY DON'T HAVE THE INSTINCTS WE FELINES HAVE..."
"WHY, EVEN A DOG COULD HAVE FOUND JUDY JUST BY FOLLOWING ITS INSTINCTS."
YOU GOING AFTER THE CROOKS' CAR, KITZEL?
DON'T BOTHER-- THEY'RE MILES AWAY FROM HERE BY NOW!
HEY, I'LL BET YOU HAVE SOME SPECIAL WAY OF FOLLOWING WHERE THEY TOOK JUDY!
LEAD ON!
" FINDING HER WAS EASY ENOUGH! AND WHEN WE REACHED THE PLACE..."
ATTABOY--ER, ATTACAT, KITZEL! YOU DID IT! THAT'S THEIR CAR!
THEY MUST BE HIDING IN THAT CAVE!
"I SLUNK INTO THE UNDER-BRUSH, BUT TIM WASN'T AS GOOD AT KEEPING OUT OF SIGHT..."
I'LL JUST SNEAK UP AND HAVE A PEEK...
I DUNNO HOW YOU FOUND THIS PLACE, KID--
BUT AS LONG AS YOU'RE HERE,, GIT INSIDE!
OH-OH! I GUESS I'M NOT SNEAKY ENOUGH!
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"SO NOW THE HOODS HAD TWO HOSTAGES..."
IF THE FELLA FOUND US, SO COULD OTHERS! WE GOTTA PULL OUT FAST!
YA WANT I SHOULD TAKE CARE O' THE KIDS, BOSS?
LANK! MAKE WITH THE PLATE-SWITCH ON THE CAR!
YEAH, BLAST-- ARRANGE FOR 'EM TO SUFFER A FATAL ACCIDENT!
MY PLEASURE, BOSS!
"IN LESS TIME THAN IT TAKES TO CLIMB A TREE, THE THUGS HAD SET UP THEIR DIRTY TRICKS..."
T.N.T.
WHEN THE DYNAMITE GOES BOOM, THE CAVE CEILING WILL COLLAPSE -- AND IT'LL BE BYE-BYE, BABIES!
"I WAITED TILL THE CROOKS HAD DRIVEN AWAY BEFORE I COULD LEND A PAW..."
THAT'S IT, KITZEL! PULL AT THE KNOT! TRY TO LOOSEN IT!
I'VE PUT SO MANY KNOTS IN THE BALL OF STRING I PLAY WITH, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET ONE OUT OF A ROPE!
"IT WAS TOUGHER THAN I EXPECTED, SO BY THE TIME I GOT JUDY FREE..."
NICE GOING, KITZEL-- OH! THE DYNAMITE!
BOOM!
YOU BADLY HURT, TIM?
NO-- BUT I'M PINNED DOWN... CAN'T MOVE!
YOU BETTER GET GOING, JUDY-- THE OTHER DYNAMITE WILL GO OFF ANY MOMENT!
I GOT YOU INTO THIS, TIM! I WON'T GO TILL I GET YOU OUT!
THERE'S NO TIME TO DIG ME OUT! RUN, QUICK-- OR WE'LL BOTH BE KILLED!

"LATER, I LEARNED THAT MARY MARVEL HAD BEEN BUSY MAKING AN ENLARGEMENT IN TIM'S DARKROOM..."
HMM... THE CLAY AND STONES IN THE TREADS SHOW THE CAR HAS RECENTLY BEEN ON A DIRT ROAD!
I KNOW THE AREA WELL ENOUGH TO PINPOINT IT TO THE PALISADES! THAT TYPE OF CLAY IS FOUND ONLY ON ROADS THERE!
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THAT, PLUS THE CAR ITSELF--AND THE LICENSE NUMBER--
--SHOULD MAKE THIS HUNT A SNAP!
"IT DIDN'T TAKE THAT GIRL-MARVEL LONG TO FIND THE ROAD--AND THE CAR..."
PAY DIRT ON THE DIRT ROAD! THERE IT IS!
NO--THE LICENSE NUMBER IS DIFFERENT! IT'S NOT THE CROOKS' CAR!
WAIT--I JUST NOTICED...
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THE CAR'S DIRTY... AS IN THE PICTURE... BUT THE LICENSE PLATE IS CLEAN AND SHINY!
IT MEANS THOSE HOODS SWITCHED PLATES!
THIS MAY BE OLD STUFF, BUT I STILL GET A KICK OUT OF STOPPING A CARLOAD OF CROOKS THIS WAY!
CRASH!
6

GUN HER DOWN!
TRY IT! I CAN USE A GOOD LAUGH!
AND... HA, HA, HA!...
I ALWAYS LAUGH WHEN I'M BEING TICKLED!
BAM
BANG
RATATAT
LOOKIT THAT! SHE'S GRABBING THE BULLETS OUTA THE AIR-- AND EATING 'EM!
MMMM! NOT BAD! BUT I PREFER THE CHOCOLATE-COVERED KIND!
TRY CHEWIN' ON THIS, SISTER! IT SHOULD BE A BLAST!
OH, WHAT A SHAME! IT WENT ALL TO PIECES!
BAM!
THE GRENADE WENT OFF IN HER HAND--AND DIDN'T EVEN RUFFLE HER!
"THEN MARY MADE HER MOVE, AS SHE TWISTED THE GUNS AROUND THE CROOKS' WRISTS TO MAKE HANDCUFFS..."
NOW-- WHERE'S JUDY?
WE KNOW OUR RIGHTS! WE AIN'T TALKING WITHOUT OUR MOUTHPIECES!
I HEARD THE DYNAMITE! IF SHE FINDS THE KIDS, WE'RE UP FOR A MURDER RAP!
LET'S SEE... THE CAR WAS COMING FROM UP THERE... THOSE SPOTS OF GREEN LIGHT!
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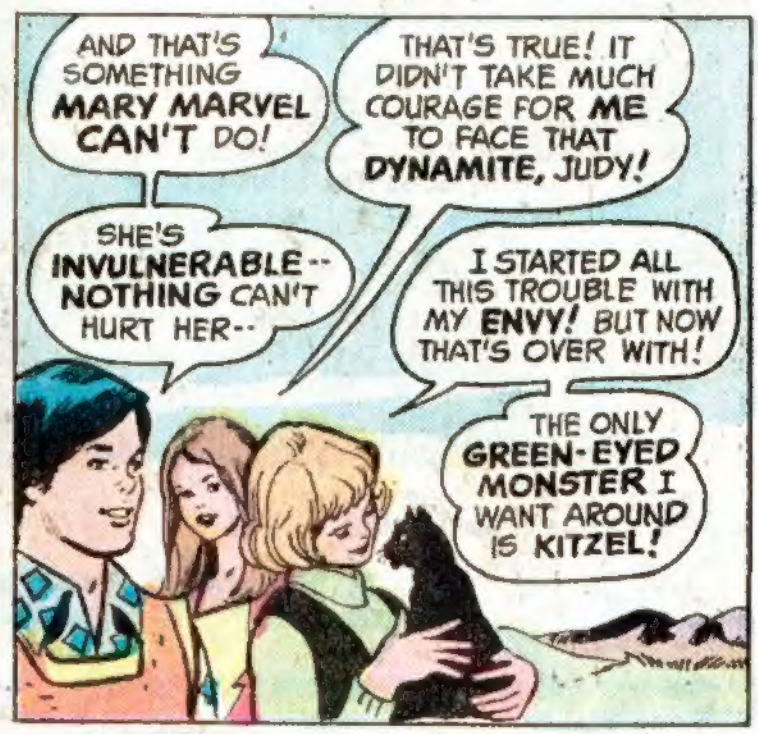
"RIGHT! I HAD BEEN WATCHING THE BRAWL FROM THE CAVE--AND WHAT MARY SAW WAS--"
--A PAIR OF GREEN EYES! KITZEL!

IT'S JUDY--AND TIM, TOO!
HOLY MOLEY! DYNAMITE!

"BEFORE YOU COULD SAY 'CATNIP,' SHE GRABBED THAT EXPLOSIVE AND..."
BANG!
THERE! IT WON'T HURT ANYONE THAT HIGH UP IN THE SKY!

"SO IT ALL CAME OUT FINE--THANKS TO MARY MARVEL--AND OL' GREEN EYES..."
TO THINK I WAS JEALOUS OF MARY MARVEL--AND SHE SAVED OUR LIVES!
BUT YOU COULD HAVE ESCAPED, JUDY! YOU RISKED YOUR LIFE FOR ME!


AND THAT'S SOMETHING MARY MARVEL CAN'T DO!
THAT'S TRUE! IT DIDN'T TAKE MUCH COURAGE FOR ME TO FACE THAT DYNAMITE, JUDY!
SHE'S INVULNERABLE--NOTHING CAN'T HURT HER--
I STARTED ALL THIS TROUBLE WITH MY ENVY! BUT NOW THAT'S OVER WITH!
THE ONLY GREEN-EYED MONSTER I WANT AROUND IS KITZEL!

CAN YOU IMAGINE? AFTER ALL MY HEROICS, SHE CALLED ME A MONSTER! ISN'T THAT AWFUL...
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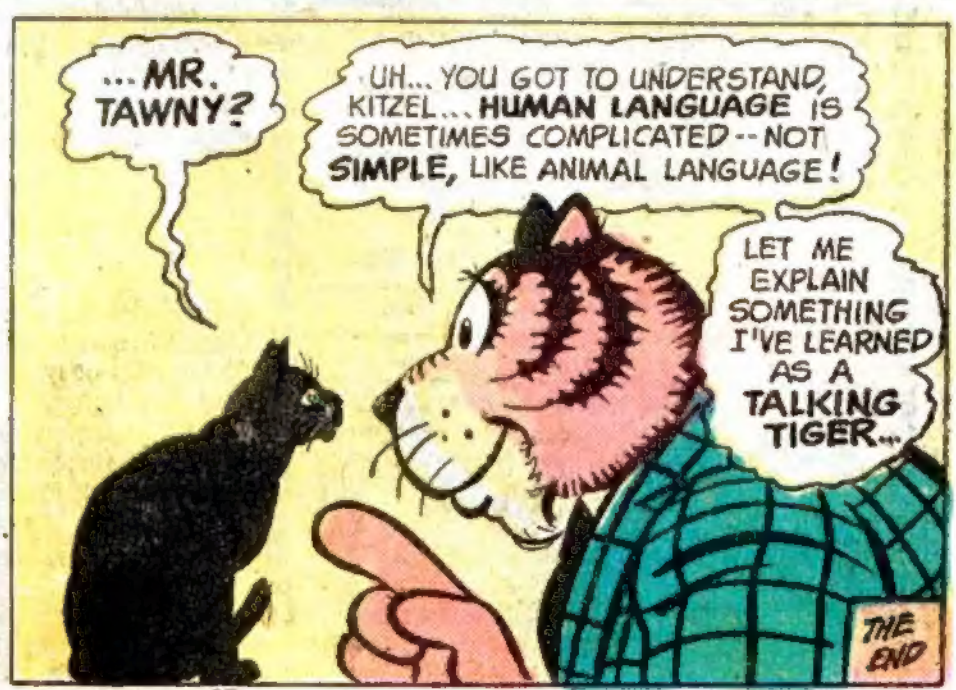
...MR. TAWNY?
UH... YOU GOT TO UNDERSTAND, KITZEL... HUMAN LANGUAGE IS SOMETIMES COMPLICATED--NOT SIMPLE, LIKE ANIMAL LANGUAGE!
LET ME EXPLAIN SOMETHING I'VE LEARNED AS A TALKING TIGER...
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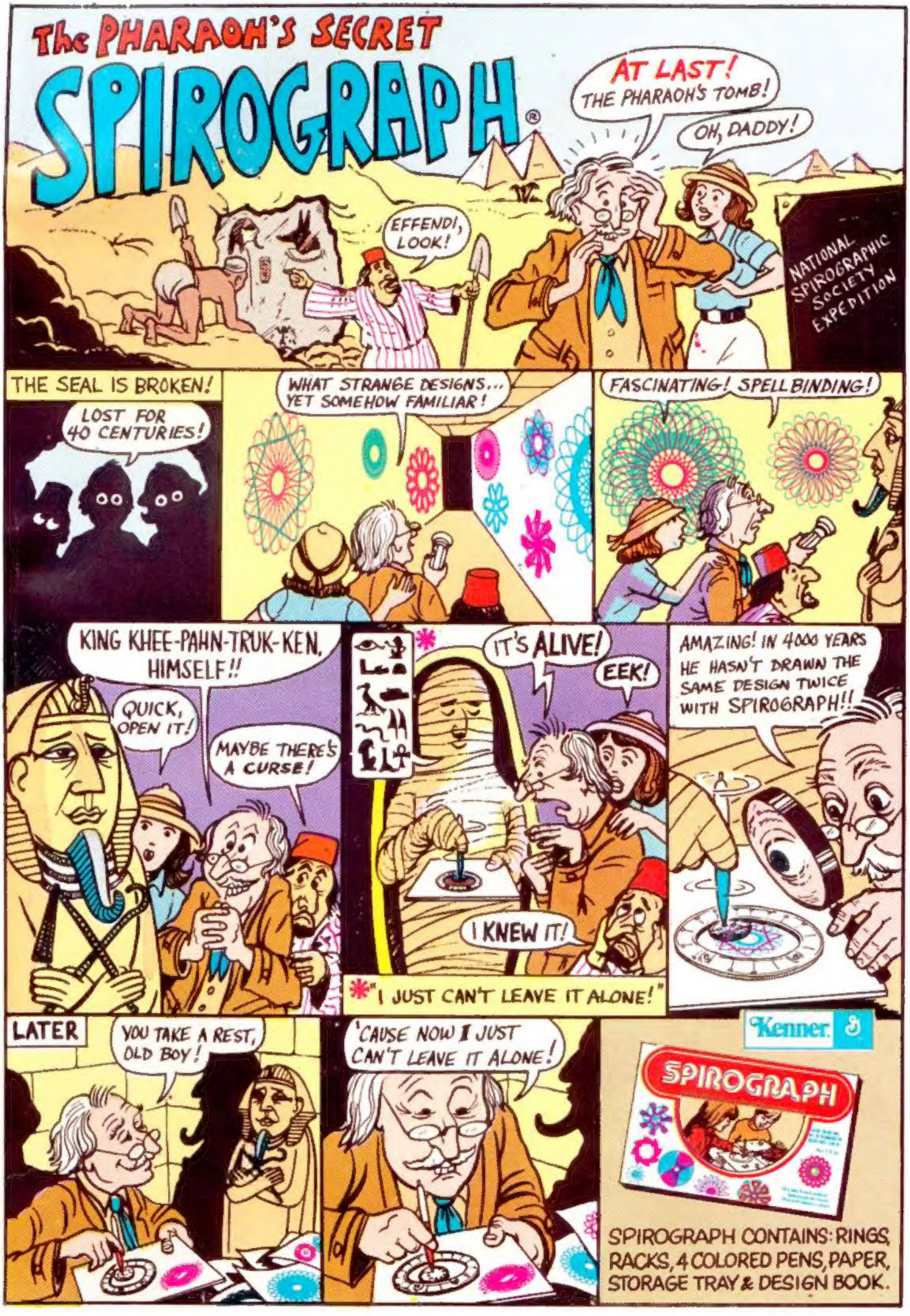
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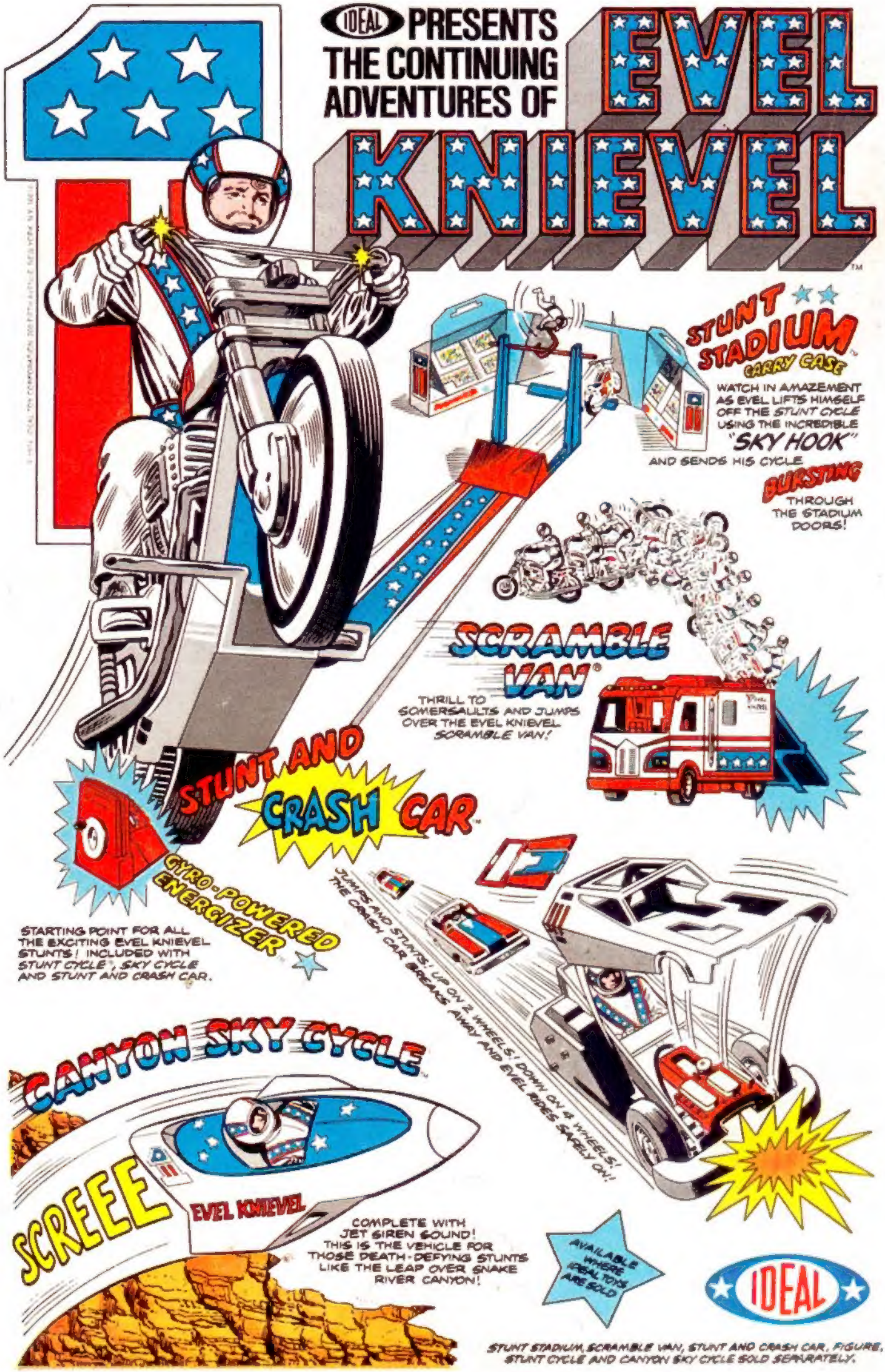
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